

St. John's Church Council Minutes – September 22, 2021

Council members present: Amy Bazile, Tracy Conradt, Mary Hoppe, Ron Krueger, Tom Pamperin, Melissa Pfeiler, Sharon Piastowski, Shirl Tischauser, Wanda Tucker, Pastor Sara Gorman (ex-officio). **Also present:** Patrick Gorman.

Meeting called to order by Amy Bazile at 6:39p.m. Tracy opened with devotions and prayer.

The mission statement was read together.

Member Concerns: No concerns were presented.

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes for August 17, 2021 were reviewed. Changes were requested to the discussion on the nominating committee and COVID protocol sections in Old Business and the gift of the lawn tractor in New Business. After considering the changes, a motion was made by Ron, seconded by Tracy, to approve the August 17, 2021 Council minutes. Motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the August 31, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Nancy, to approve the August 31, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting minutes for the September 14, 2021 were reviewed. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Shirl, to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Kelly Trebus arrived to the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Various items within the August financial statements were discussed, including the monthly giving, loan balances and remaining loan terms, the building fund loan payment for August and balances in the special funds. A question was raised about the over budget amount in the finance line. Research will be done on the amount and reported to Council at the next meeting. A motion was made by Sharon, seconded by Shirl, to approve the August 2021 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Pastoral Report: Pastor gave an update on her activities over the past month, including recent funerals and hospice visits and confirmation and ELCA Youth Gathering meetings.

Strategic Discussion: Pastor asked that this item be skipped.

Vital Statistics: The deaths of Doris Aderman on August 21, 2021, Sandy Krueger on September 15, 2021 and Sue Schwan on September 21, 2021 were noted, as well as the addition of Scott and Peggy Gerbig as new members.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- **Appointment of 1 Member for the Nominating Committee** – Ray Mielke was nominated for the Nominating Committee by Wanda, seconded by Ron. Motion carried.
- **Review of COVID Protocol** – There was a status update on the safety measures being implemented based on the actions of the September 14, 2021, including the ordering of plexiglass and plans for putting in place the other safeguards. It was agreed that a temple talk should be done before the changes take place.
- **Sunday School Update** - The status of Sunday School was discussed, noting to begin in October with Becky Brehm serving as the coordinator. Pastor indicated that letters have not gone out to participants because Sheri is out of the office with health issues. Pastor also indicated that Kay Tellock has offered to help with the program.
- **Other Old Business** – There was no other old business.

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- **Quarterly Benevolence** – A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Sharon, to pay \$2,100 from the benevolence account to the synod. Motion carried.
- **Shed Clean Out** – Ron described the current contents of the shed, including many old and unusable items and materials. After discussion, a motion was made by Amy, seconded by Tracy, authorize Ron to clean out and dispose of the unneeded things in the shed through sale or other disposition, giving first priority to members of the congregation. Motion carried.
- **Halloween Candy Distribution** – The history of Halloween candy distribution was provided. After discussion, it was decided that if someone is willing to perform this, council approves offering it.
- **Other** – A letter from Jackie Suehring was presented requesting the use of the church for Christmas dinner distribution. Procedures and protocols consistent with the previous year will be followed. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Tracy, to approve the use of church for this purpose. Motion carried.

Action Team Reports: The following Action Team reports were provided:

- **Property** – Other than the shed information provided earlier, the tuckpointing project is scheduled to begin in October.
- **Worship & Music** – The next team meeting is scheduled for October 11.

Closed Session: N/A

The next meeting will be on October 19, 2021, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.