

## St. John's Church Council Minutes – January 18, 2022

**Council members present:** Amy Bazile, Tracy Conradt, Nancy Helms, Mary Hoppe, Ron Krueger, Tom Pamperin, Melissa Pfeiler, Sharon Piastowski, Shirl Tischauser, Kelly Trebus, Wanda Tucker **Also present:** Sheri Fuhrman

Meeting called to order by Kelly Trebus at 6:30p.m. Shirl opened with devotions and prayer.

The mission statement was read together.

**Member Concerns:** No concerns were presented.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes for December 21, 2021 were reviewed. After a corrections to council candidates, a motion was made by Amy, seconded by Ron, to approve the Council minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Various items within the December financial statements were discussed, including the monthly giving, loan balances and remaining loan terms, benevolence amounts and balances in the special funds. A motion was made by Amy, seconded by Shirl, to approve the December 2021 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

**Vital Statistics:** The following changes were noted:

- The baptism of Sypriss Robbi Briske, daughter of Kortney Mauel and Ryan Briske

**Strategic Discussion:** With the planned engagement of Cathy Cowling, this item was not discussed.

**Old Business:** Items of Old Business considered were:

- Review of COVID Protocol – The protocols that led to Sunday, January 16, 2022 service moving to virtual were discussed. The Executive Team, evaluating the readiness for in-person worship with elevated COVID cases in our area, was uncertain if safeguards were ready and felt moving virtual for a week was prudent. With time to get the safeguards in place, in-person worship will resume on January 23, 2022.
- Nominating Committee – No further updates were presented.
- Pastoral Update – Linda Mielke continues coordinating worship coverage. Denise Pamperin provided an update on Ash Wednesday and Easter services, as well as an upcoming meeting with the Bishop to discuss communing without a pastor.
- Annual Report/Meeting – Sheri updated on the status of information for the Annual Meeting report. The Council expressed appreciation to Sheri for her work in preparation for the meeting.
- Cathy Cowling Update – Kelly provided an update on working with Cathy Cowling, the consultant engaged to assist us with planning and understanding our congregation. Cathy has held meetings with most council members individually and the congregation as a group over the past month, with plans to prepare a report to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Cathy indicated that participation from congregation members has been light and she hopes more will participate to make the process meaningful.
- Other Old Business – There was no other old business.

**New Business:** Items of New Business considered were:

- Lenten Breakfast – Lenten breakfasts were discussed. Speakers and menus have been arranged and scheduled. COVID case numbers will be monitored. Further review will occur at the February 2022 council meeting.
- Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda – A motion was made by Tracy, seconded by Wanda, to approve the Annual meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried.

- Council Installation – A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Mary, to set the Council installation date at February 13, 2022. Motion carried.
- Update Bylaws – The Bylaws were discussed as changes to the Action Team composition required updating. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Melissa, to approve the Bylaws as presented. Motion carried.
- Student Fund Request – A request to the Student Fund for assistance in covering tuition to a parochial school was discussed. It was noted in the Bylaws that this type of request does not meet the requirements set forth. A motion was made by Amy, seconded by Mary, to deny the request for tuition assistance on the basis of noncompliance with our Bylaws. Motion carried.
- Other New Business – It was noted that the balance in the Sanctuary Renovation special fund is close to the amount owed on the loan balance. A motion was made by Shirl, seconded by Sharon, to authorize the payoff of the Sanctuary Renovation loan at the bank if the funds are sufficient to do so. Motion carried.

Updates were provided for recently approved projects:

- Trees were removed from the property on east end of parking lot.
- Sanctuary sound system project has begun. Completion will likely occur around Easter.

There was no further new business.

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

- Property – Ron provided an update on the tree removal project on the west end of the Parish Hall. Jeff Miller has indicated he will do for the church at an approximate cost of \$300. The trophy case has been emptied.

Ron provided an update on the key and lock situation with the church's outside doors. The keys used are not consistently working and the cold weather is making their use even more challenging. Further, we have no record of who has keys to the building. After discussion of costs, risks and benefits, a motion was made by Amy, seconded by Melissa, to approve up to \$1,000 to rekey the eight outside doors. Motion carried.

- Worship & Music – Tracy and Sharon provided an update from the last Team meeting, including further discussion of the sound system upgrade and the schedule for Lenten services.

**Closed Session:** N/A

The next meeting will be on February 15, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.