

St. John's Church Council Minutes – March 15, 2022

Council members present: Amy Bazile, Mandy Malueg, Mary Hoppe, Ron Krueger, Pat Breitenfeldt, Brian Sawall, Kelly Trebus, Wanda Tucker and by phone, Melissa Pfeiler **Also present:** Sheri Fuhrman **Absent:** Tracy Conrard and Shirl Tischauser

Meeting called to order by Amy Bazile at 6:30p.m. Amy opened with devotions and prayer.

The mission statement was read together.

Member Concerns: No concerns were presented. It was mentioned that Ash Wednesday was wonderful. Members loved communion.

Secretary's Report: The meeting minutes for January 18, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Wanda, to approve the Council minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Mary, to approve the February 2022 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Vital Statistics: Private dual baptism by Pastor Lois Graper for Boston Scott Elandt, son of Mitchell & Erin Elandt. Member Doris Knaack dies on February 21st, funeral was here and she was buried February 25th; Member Erna Tellock died on February 23rd, her funeral was at Biel-Didier in Clintonville, burial same day, March 3rd.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- Cathy Cowling Update – Amy provided an update from Cathy Cowling. The first meeting with the team will be April 3. Cathy would like to schedule a retreat for council members. The date for the retreat is April 30, 2022 at 9-12.
- Other Old Business – There was no other old business.

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- Appoint 2 Representatives for Synod Assembly – Tabled until next month.
- Approval of Money Counters – A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Kelly, to approve the 2022-2023 money counters as presented. Motion carried.
- Quarterly Benevolence – A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Mary, to approve a \$1000 payment to Lutheran Social Services and a \$1000 payment to Crossways Ministries. Motion carried.
- Baptisms – A motion was made by Mary, seconded by Kelly, to approve a baptism fee of \$50 if neither parent is a member. Motion carried.
- Chimes Group – There are a growing number of interested individuals. The group would also like to have confirmation members be involved as well as community members. Pat will also speak to past group members for more information.
- Cemetery Maintenance – Mary and Wanda will be taking care of the cemetery maintenance. \$20 an hour will be paid if the individual's own equipment is used. \$15 an hour will be paid if the church's equipment is used. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Mandy, to approve the lawnmowing and cemetery care pay rates. Motion carried.
- Confirmation Mentor Packet Updates – The mentor program will be for ninth grade students. Other churches will be contacted to ask how they incorporate mentors prior to ninth grade.
- First Communion – Denise Pamperin will be teaching the first communion students on April 3rd & April 10th at 1:00 pm. Mary Hoppe and Janis Radies will be baking bread and painting the challises with the

students. Pastor Jenn Pockat will be distributing First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

- Funeral/Wedding Fees – Sheri researched fees for weddings and funerals at other ELCA churches. Most congregations charge more for weddings. Sheri will prepare an updated fee chart.
 - Postcards – It was mentioned that “miss you” postcards should be mailed to members. The executive committee will approve the verbiage.
 - Other New Business – The “masks strongly encouraged” signs will be removed.
- There was no further new business.

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

- Community – Mary shared that planning for the Carley Auction is underway.

Another Soup Supper will take place on April 6, 2022.

- Property – Ron shared that the shed where the lawnmower/snowblower is kept needs to be insulated and heated to keep the machine unfrozen.

Ron also shared that LED lightbulbs were updated in the crawl space. The light in the parking lot was fixed.

Ron mentioned that a group of Marion HS students volunteered and painted one of the downstairs lady's bathrooms.

Ron shared two quotes were given to the committee for new carpeting in the Sunday school rooms.

Closed Session: N/A

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.