

St. John's Church Council Minutes – April 18, 2023

**Council members present:** Shirl Tischauser, Linda Mielke, Mary Hoppe, Melissa Pfeiler, Ron Krueger, Wanda Tucker, Pat Breitenfeldt, Amy Bazile, Brian Sawall. Also present: Sheri Fuhrman **Absent:** Mandy Malueg, Kelly Trebus

Agenda add-on. Linda requested an agenda add on to discuss additions for the parish hall project. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Mary to accept the agenda add on. Motion carried.

Meeting called to order by Amy Bazile at 6:45 p.m. Linda opened with devotions and prayer.

The mission statement was read together.

**Member Comments:** There were no member comments.

**Secretary's Report:** The meeting minutes for March 2023, were reviewed. A motion was made by Pat, seconded by Mary, to approve the Council minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron had a question about what the entry of \$19.70 for Checking EFT was. Amy said she will ask Mandy about that. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Shirl, to approve the March 2023 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

**Vital Statistics:** There was a request on 3-29-23 for membership from Diane Schumacher. Mary said she would reach out to Diane Schumacher and Ashley Flink about their membership. It was discussed to have a letter go out to all the new members we have had since 2019 welcoming them, and that it would be a good idea to have a new member Sunday in the fall.

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

- Call Committee Update – It was shared that the call committee has had two interviews with possible candidates.
- Other Old Business – None were reported.

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

- ALICE training presentation by Marion Police Department. It was shared that Kevin Schultz, who does active shooter training in the schools, would like to meet with St. John's council members, employees and ushers to have them receive this training as well. Amy will let Kevin Schultz know we are receptive to the idea of the training and a date can be set.
- On May 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a trial run at St. John's for the high school evacuation location.
- SOUL T-shirt fund raiser – Wanda shared that the tech-ed department was not able to help out with the T-shirt fund raiser. Amy said that she and Pat Mielke would work on following up with the SOUL T-shirt idea.
- Student Fund Application—It was mentioned that our student fund has substantial funds available and that perhaps we could offer the students more towards their camp attendance. A

motion was made by Ron and seconded by Mary to approve 75% of the cost to be approved 2 months before the student attends. Motion carried.

- Synod Assembly Offering, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Denise Pamperin and Betty Bertram will be attending the synod assembly on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Wanda and seconded by Melissa to approve a \$250 offering for the assembly to come out of Benevolence. Motion carried.
- Any other new business—Linda mentioned that the Come Alive team was wondering if some upgrades to the speakers and or projector could be considered at the same time the Parish Hall updates are being made. A motion was made by Shirl, seconded by Brian that the council approve research to upgrade the audio and visual in the Parish Hall. Motion carried.

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

- Worship and Music— Pastors and lay speakers are set until the end of May. Tracy and Betty checked into a different location to have the outdoor summer worship services. Those will be held at Veteran's Park this summer. It was suggested an article go in the Marion Advertiser about our summer worship in the park.
- Property – Property committee has had some discussions of ways to change the steps in the sanctuary as there has been some people falling there. There are options being looked into along with the design team. Ron reported that he got a quote of \$150 to do stump removal next to the church and at the cemetery.
- Fellowship—The Sunday School picnic will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> after service at 11:00. Mary will be arranging the food and beverages. Melissa shared that there are about 13 students.

**Closed Session:** none

The next meeting will be on May 16th, 2023, at 6:45 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Linda Mielke.