

St. John's Church Council Minutes – June 20, 2023

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

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

The mission statement was read together.

Member Comments: A member voiced concern regarding worship not being held in the sanctuary. Members also expressed concern that the current Pastor vacancy was due to the lack of synod support. The council continues to be extremely thankful for all the volunteering that has done by the congregation during this time.

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

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Brian, to approve the May 2023 financial statements as presented. Motion carried. The Endowment debt has been paid in full. The church has not met the Parish Hall update goal at this time.

Vital Statistics: Joyce L Miller passed away on May 20th, no service was held. Kirsten Pamperin requested to be transferred to First English Lutheran in Appleton on May 31st; Terri L Mykisen passed away on June 4th, service was held on June 12th; Jerry J Siegel passed away on June 4th, service was held on June 10th.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- Phone Quote – Four telephones will be eliminated. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Shirl to approve the Unitel updated phone system. Motion carried.
- SOUL T-Shirts Committee Update – Pat, Gwen, and Amy created several different designs. A motion was made by Brian, seconded by Linda to approve St John's on the front and design on the back. Motion carried.
- Sound System in Parish Hall – A quote was received for updates to the current sound system. The quote came back substantially higher than anticipated. A list will be created to verify what is needed in the space to request future quotes.
- Other Old Business – None

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- Quarterly Benevolence—A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Shirl to make the following benevolence distributions: Bethany Home \$200, Shawano Conference \$600, ELCA Synod \$1200. Motion carried.
- Fall Dinner – The Fall Dinner is tentatively scheduled for November 12, 2023.
- Any Other New Business –
- Simply Giving – This is an additional option for giving. A reminder will be added to the bulletin of this option. The form will also be added to the website.

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

- Worship and Music– The worship schedule is filled through end of August with Pastors and/or Lay Leaders.

- Property – The eternal candle has been rewired. The large stump at the cemetery is being taken care of. The eavestroughs are being caulked. The Parish Hall windows have been cleaned by Ron and Brenda.
- Parish Education - There are a few volunteers. Melissa will reach out to have a possible meeting regarding curriculum, etc.
- Community – Annual flower baskets were purchased to be displayed at the Garfield entrance. The new landscaping plants are continuing to grow.

Closed Session: none

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

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.