

St. John's Church Council Minutes – August 15, 2023

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

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

The mission statement was read together.

Member Comments: A get well card will be sent to Pastor Jill. Action team reports will be added to the newsletter to update congregation of “happening” at the church.

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

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Shirl, seconded by Ron, to approve the June and July 2023 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Vital Statistics: Rosalie Elizabeth Matz, daughter of McGregor Matz and Hannah Krueger was baptized on July 30, 2023; Robert Fischer passed away on July 13, 2023. No formal service was held.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- Call Committee Update – No update.
- SOUL T-Shirts Committee Update – T-Shirt advertising will begin in the September newsletter. The cost will be \$20 per t-shirt. For each X, a dollar extra will be charged. The profits will go towards community outreach. A T-Shirt sample will be displayed during the Fall Dinner.
- SAMS program – A Lay person will be able distribute communion once the SAMS program training has been completed. The ELCA has finished organizing the SAMS program. The Church will be responsible for any costs incurred. A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Shirl to nominate Denise Pamperin to attend the SAMS program. Motion carried.
- Fall Dinner – Clipboards are available to sign up for donations and/or to volunteer. There will be one service at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School.
- Other Old Business – None

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- Set Annual Meeting Date– The annual meeting will be held on January 28, 2024. There will be one service at 9:30 am. The meeting will begin at 11:00 am. Light snacks will be provided.
- Sunday School and Confirmation Start Update – Sunday School begins on September 10, 2023. Confirmation will start on September 13, 2023. The church is still looking for volunteers to assist with Sunday School.
- Student Fund Request – Kay Tellock and Carol Polzin are requesting funds to assist with cost of lay school. A motion was made by Wanda, seconded by Linda to approve the financial request for lay school. Motion carried.
- Sidewalk Repair – The City of Marion will replace sidewalks with cracks or lifts. Contractor has agreed to repair all sidewalks and the driveway. The estimated cost to repair the sidewalks and driveway will be \$9000-\$10,000. The projected timeframe for repairs will be the Summer of 2024.
- Holy Conversation Discussion – The ELCA sent a pamphlet inviting St John's to have a conversation about

our call. At this time, the council has decided that the sessions with Cathy Cowling were enough.

- Administration Retreat – A motion was made by Pat to approve Sheri attending the retreat, seconded by Melissa. Motion carried.
- Funeral Form – A form is available for members to fill out stating their wishes for their funeral. Sheri will add the information to the newsletter.
- Any Other New Business – Homme Inc of Wisconsin is having their Annual Meeting on September 12, 2023.

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

- Worship and Music– During the Parish Hall renovations, two church services will take place in the Sanctuary with Sunday School in between.
- Property– Premier Community Bank has contacted the church regarding their October 9, 2023 workday. The committee is compiling a list of items. Kyle Kohel will submit a quote for the gutters. The key list will need to be reviewed. Fran will begin Parish Hall renovations starting in October.

Closed Session: none

The next meeting will be on September 19, 2023, at 6:45 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.