

St. John's Church Council Minutes – December 12, 2023

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

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

The mission statement was read together.

Member Comments: Several members mentioned that the church was decorated beautifully for Christmas.

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

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Brian, to approve the November 2023 financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Vital Statistics: None to report.

Old Business: Items of Old Business considered were:

- Annual Report – Sheri has received all required items thus far.
- Nominating Committee Update – No new update.
- Other Old Business – There was no other old business.

New Business: Items of New Business considered were:

- Approval of Proposed Budget for 2024 – A motion was made by Mary, seconded by Linda, to approve the proposed budget as presented. Motion carried.
- Approval of Proposed Council Member Candidates – A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Melissa, to approve the following proposed candidates for Council:
 - Dawn White (new)
 - Pat Mielke (new)
 - Crystal Schwan (new)
 - Mandy Malueg (2 term)
 - Mary Hoppe (3 term)
 - Brian Sawall (2 term)
 - Wanda Tucker (3 term)Motion carried.
- Quarterly Benevolence – A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Wanda to disburse the quarterly benevolence as follows: Homme \$200, Giving Tree \$200, Goodfellows \$200, Backpack Program \$300, and the ELCA \$2100. Motion carried.
- Foundations for BeFriender Ministry – A church in Waupaca is using the BeFriender Ministry to assist with the current pastor shortage. This program trains members in many different areas. Here are just a few: how to visit shut-ins, assisting members who are getting married or divorced, grief counseling, hospitalizations, etc. for a fee. If any member of the congregation is interested in learning more, please contact the church office.
- Youth Events Coordinator – The council would like a committee formed, not a single individual.
- Any Other New Business –

Quake – Currently, four children are interested in attending. A female and male chaperone will need to attend as well. The church youth fund will pay half per student, along with one female chaperone and one male chaperone. The first youth portion is due by January 4 and remaining balance by February 1. Fundraising will be required to put money back into the youth account. A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Linda to pay half of the admission for each youth, one female and one male chaperone from the Youth Fund. Motion carried.

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

- **Property** – We have received the grant money for the AED. Brian Ewald will come to finish up the class room under the sanctuary after the 1st of the year. The estimated cost for the wiring and outlets in the Club Room is \$2000. The roof has been fixed above the Great Room.
- **Worship and Music** - The votives will be replaced for All Saints Sunday next year. Pastor Lois has agreed to help with the Lenten Services. The Last Supper rendition will happen on Maundy Thursday service.

Closed Session: none

The next meeting will be on January 16, 2024 at 6:45 pm.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.