

Agenda
Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

Members: Pastor Pam Fickenscher, Pastor Jonathan Davis, President Michelle Kramer-Prevost, President Elect Paul Beck, Treasurer Judd Lohmann, Secretary Steve Reece, Council Members Cheryl Buck, Jill Enestvedt, Dan Hanson, Andrea Hoff, Eric Johnsrud, Susan Lohmann, Maggie Odell

Call to Order

Prayer and/or Devotional

Vote for Approval of February Council Minutes

1. Financial Report

Update from Treasurer Judd Lohman in written form [see addendum #1]

2. Discussion Items

a. Worship and Arts Board: regarding the Maakestad eagle sculpture, the Board suggests to Council that a plexiglass case with a mobile base be constructed. That would address the safety concerns and allow it to be made more visible. The Worship and Arts Board will proceed based on feedback from the Council. [See Worship and Arts Board minutes for details. Note Property and Grounds Board discussion item #3 below for a different proposal.]

b. Property and Grounds Board: 1) Vern Koester would like to have St. John's furniture removed from storage in his barn. 2) Barberry bushes on the west side of church were planted as a deterrent for activity near the grates; Property and Grounds has been considering removal since gardeners complain about their thorns. 3) Bobbie Maakestad has stated that the eagle sculpture was intended for display outside.

c. Adult Ministry and Education Board seeks clarification of fundamental role and purpose vis-à-vis the by-laws: is this board primarily charged with developing opportunities for fellowship, or for adult education? [See Adult Ministry and Education Board minutes for details.]

d. Business Management Board wishes to discuss the processes for filling in for absent staff members (not just the financial considerations).

e. Evangelism and Communication Board is looking at sharing outreach on being a welcoming inclusive church. Board also wishes to brainstorm about items for Foundation funding: St. John's Hall revamp to make it more welcoming (lighting, sound, and AV); donation to the KYMN Radio Tower; Community Evangelism/Outreach Event. [See Evangelism and Communication Board minutes for details.]

f. The church's mortgage is about to be retired. Do we want to find a way to celebrate this, informally or formally?

3. Action Items

a. Contribution to KYMN?

4. Pastors' Reports

a. Pastor Fickenscher [see addendum #2]

b. Pastor Davis

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Adjournment

7. Future Dates

Board Meetings: Tuesday, April 8th, 7 pm

Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 22nd, 7 pm