

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
July 26, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

Members: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Paul Beck, Marilyn Calcutt, Rod Christensen, Mark Gleason, Candace Godfrey, Trish Goodrich, Kristy Harms, Tamara Jackman, Dennis Rinehart, Jane Rizzo, Kathleen Shea, Jerry Ugland

Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Marilyn Calcutt, Rod Christensen, Dennis Rinehart, Jane Rizzo, Candace Godfrey, Kristy Harms, Kathleen Shea, Mark Gleason, Tamara Jackman, Trish Goodrich, Jerry Ugland

Not Present: Pr. Jonathan Davis, Paul Beck

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

1. Opening devotion and prayer led by Candace Godfrey
2. Motion to approve the June 28, 2022 Minutes made by Jane Rizzo. Seconded by Dennis Rinehart. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Council offers personal reflections and acknowledgement about Dale Gehring's death
4. Short Term Planning
 - a. Discussion of need to find a replacement Chair for Properites & Grounds Committee. Does Council give approval for Rod and Pam to find a replacement for the Chair from that Board? Kristy moves to make the motion, Dennis seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Pastor's Report – Pr. Pam
 - i. Included in the materials for this meeting
 - ii. Angie Gehring out of the office until at least August 1st, possibly longer. Various staff and members have stepped in to fill roles and hospitality needs.
6. Financial Report – Jane Rizzo
7. Mark moved to approve the June financial report. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Council Updates & Action Items
 - a. **Stewardship** – Can funding be provided to produce visual display items for the Ministry Fair, as well as for future use related to hearing and A-V services?
 - i. Evangelism & Communications would like to create a poster that would announce hearing options; cost is probably under \$50. Mark and Jane can work together to find funds for producing this communication piece.
 - ii. A supply of tri-fold poster boards has been ordered by Kristy.
9. Board Reports: included in the materials for the Council meeting. Additional notes:

- a. **Adult Ministry** - summer supper last week was a success; the Board is encouraging people to gather the night of the last softball game
- b. **Stewardship** - Met with Katherine Norrie to talk about proposed Art Exhibit in October; they are working on finding ways for the congregation to engage
- c. **Benevolence & Social Concerns** - Chair Jerry Ugland provided a summary of the Board's recent vote to disburse \$11,200 from a designated fund to various organizations. This summary is included in their July 12, 2022 Minutes.
- d. **Evangelism & Communications** - Chair Mark Gleason reported on the work of the St. John's Hall Acoustic Improvement Committee. He provided the following summary:

On April 20, 2022, Twin Cities Acoustics submitted a proposal to St. John's for acoustic improvement of St. John's Hall. The proposal was binding for 30 days, but is informally in effect until September 1. The proposal included the following costs:

Walls:

1,642 sq ft of 2" half beveled AWP with FR-701 Wheat Fabric
Includes all equipment, clean up and floor protection.
Materials: \$17,340.00
Labor: \$11,560.00
Total \$28,900.00 Tax Exempt

Ceiling, if needed:

945 sq ft of 2" sq edge AWP baffles 30" x 7' with FR-701 TBD Fabric
Includes all equipment, clean up and floor protection.
Materials: \$14,340.00
Labor: \$9,560.00
Total \$23,900.00 Tax Exempt

The Committee recommended, and Council approved in May, an expenditure for a technical study of the acoustic challenges related to St. John's Hall. St. John's hired ESI Engineering to conduct the study. The Acoustic Improvement Committee met on July 7 to discuss the study report. ESI recommended a total wall coverage area of least 2,450 sq.ft .

A second committee meeting was convened on July 21 to discuss how to proceed with the project in terms of aesthetics, since the engineering report focused on coverage and not design. Nathan Knutson provided the committee with design guidance and ideas.

The revised proposal cost estimate, based on ESI and TCA considerations, will be:

Walls: \$44,000
Ceiling, if treatment is needed: \$23,900
Total, maximum: \$67,800

Council members discussed options for proceeding with the project, especially given likely cost increases that will result if the church does not accept the TCA proposal by September 1.

Gleason moved that the Council identify available funds, communicate with congregation via several communication options, including E-Voice, identify potential project donors, and prepare for a vote at the August meeting regarding proceeding with implementation of the project. Kristy seconds the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. New Business

- a. Comprehensive programming & facilities planning process
 - i. Discussion of draft communication - only slight modifications recommended
 - ii. Timing - Council agreed on timeline
 - iii. Meeting & Information Gathering Process - Council agreed on recommendations
 - iv. Work Group Composition - will discuss at another date

Future dates

1. Boards will not have organized Board Nights in July and August - Boards can meet on their own when convenient to them. Please send notes of your Board meetings to Trish Goodrich within a week so she can have them prepared for Council meetings
2. Council: **Tuesday, August 23, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.** Prayer led by Dennis Rinehart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm

Other Notes: none.

Respectfully submitted by Trish Goodrich