

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church | Northfield, MN
June 22, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.
Meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19

Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Ruth Dahl, Jane Rizzo, Suzy Taggart, Rod Christensen, Rachel Brownlee, Mark Gleason, Gene Bakko, Carolyn Nitz, Kristy Harms, Marilyn Calcutt, Rob Nutt, Paul Beck, Suzanne Pfau

Not Present: –

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer - led by Carolyn Nitz
2. Jane Rizzo made the motion to approve the council minutes from May , 2021. Carolyn Nitz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Financial Report – Jane Rizzo
 - a. Jane walked us through a new layout for the budget reports. The new layout is designed to improve consistency of reporting, as well as simplify the process for reporting.
4. Gene Bakko made the motion to approve the May 2021 financial report. Rod Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Pastors' Report – Pr. Pam & Pr. Jonathan
6. Council Action Items & Updates
 - a. Safe Operating updates & mask recommendation
 - i. It is the Safe Operating task force's recommendation that wearing a mask at church be optional for vaccinated individuals, but both those who choose not to get vaccinated and those who have not had the chance to get vaccinated still wear a mask.
 - ii. Gene Bakko moved to allow vaccinated individuals to choose whether or not they wear masks in the church, and that we continue to ask unvaccinated individuals to wear masks. Rod Christensen seconded the motion.. The motion carried.
 - b. Properties projects overview & audio project update
 - i. Property & Grounds board has a number of pending projects, including:
 1. Stained glass window caulking/sealing \$37,000
 2. Door #1 canopy \$20,000
 3. Narthex doors recovering \$2,600

4. Narthex lighting TBD
 5. Future: replacement for two boilers at \$7,500 each & parking lot full refinish \$47,160+
 - ii. We will add the costs for the audio project to the list of capital needs as listed above. When compiling these expenses, it will be important to note which expenses are more immediate than others (within the next six months or so). Gene will draft the list in order of highest priority to lowest.
7. Board Updates – Board Chairs
 - a. The idea of a health fair was brought up by Suzanne Pfau and the Faith and Health board, which allows various organizations to share information with congregants. Faith and Health will go ahead and begin planning.
8. New Business:
 - a. Kitchen Ministry discussion: we are looking for individuals to help with a Kitchen Ministry task force to help determine a plan for going forward with Wednesday night dinner, funeral meals, and more. Marilyn Calcutt and Kristy Harms agreed to take part in the task force. Board chairs will bring this need to their boards next month.
 - b. Marilyn Calcutt made the motion to release the Seminary funds (\$1,171) and ELCA college scholarship funds (\$2,662) from the Foundation. Suzanne seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
9. A closing prayer was offered by Ruth Dahl.
10. Meeting was concluded. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.