

**Congregational Council**  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
March 28, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

**Members:** Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Kathy Shea, Dave Neuger, Marilyn Calcutt, Eric Sponheim, Candace Godfrey, Trish Goodrich, Kristy Harms, Tamara Jackman, Dennis Rinehart, Jane Rizzo, Jerry Ugland, Steve Taggart, Dan Franklin

**Present:** Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Kathy Shea, Jerry Ugland, Trish Goodrich, Dennis Rinehart, Marilyn Calcutt, Eric Sponheim, Dave Neuger, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Jane Rizzo

**Not Present:** Kristy Harms, Dan Franklin, Steve Taggart, Candace Godfrey, Tamara Jackman

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm.

1. Opening devotion and prayer led by Dennis Rinehart
2. Motion to approve the February 28, 2023 Minutes made by Marilyn Calcutt. Seconded by Dave Neuger. The motion passes unanimously.
3. Financial Report - Jane Rizzo
  - a. Review of budget report for new Council members (and a refresh for those returning members)
  - b. Offering trends report
  - c. Report to congregation - sent out via e-Voice and Sunday bulletin
4. Dennis Rinehart moved to approve the January financial report. Eric Sponheim seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
5. Council Updates & Action Items
  - a. Youth & Children's Boards request \$600 from the St John's foundation Youth fund for a new projector in the theater. Dave Neuger made the motion, and Jane Rizzo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
  - b. Worship & Arts - recent discussion about moving to one worship service (9:30am) for the entire summer (not just the month of July as in years past). Two main benefits to this: the crossover of members who normally attend different services and the opportunity for community building; and the robust energy that comes from one full service
    - i. Pr. Jonathan suggested that there might be different opportunities with education and fellowship after the one service
    - ii. Timeline would be Memorial Day through Labor Day for the benefit of clear communication
    - iii. Dave Neuger made the motion that St. John's moves to one worship service beginning at 9:30am for the dates beginning Memorial Day and ending at Labor Day. Jane Rizzo seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

6. Pastor's Report (included in the materials for the meeting)
  - a. There are 4 vacancies in the Personnel Committee, to be filled by appointment of the Senior Pastor and President. The following have said yes to serving 2-year terms:
    - i. Greg Colby (2nd term); Solveig Zempel (1st term); Elaine Nesbit (1st term); and Paul Beck (1st term). The Council approves all of these appointments unanimously.
    - ii. Andrea Hoff has resigned from the Benevolence Board. It falls to Council to fulfill this position. Council agrees to follow up on this next month.
  
7. Board Reports - Board Chairs (included in the materials for this meeting)
  - a. Worship & Arts - continuing to talk about the balance of in-person worship and what we can offer for those joining virtually. Future collaboration and discussion with Evangelism & Communication
  - b. Evangelism & Communication - discussion of the \$800 purchase of a backup camera for recording of worship services. Eric Sponheim requests the release of \$800 from the St. John's Foundation audio-visual fund. Dennis Rinehart seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
  - c. Property & Grounds - continuing to develop a list of 5- and 10-year projects. In the meantime, peeling tile in the Sunday School rooms is becoming a problem. The Board is working on getting a bid for carpet tiles. The ideal timeline for working on that would be over the summer.
  
8. New Business
  - a. None

Future Dates:

- a. Boards: **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
Please send notes of your Board meetings to Trish Goodrich within a week so she can have them prepared for Council meetings
- b. Council: **Tuesday, April 25, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.** Prayer led by Jerry Ugland.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Other Notes: none.

Respectfully submitted by Trish Goodrich