

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
May 23, 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, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Kathy Shea, Eric Sponheim, Candace Godfrey, Trish Goodrich, Kristy Harms, Dennis Rinehart, Jane Rizzo, Jerry Ugland, Steve Taggart, Dan Franklin, Dave Neuger, Rob Quanbeck (for Adult Ministry), Tamara Jackman

Not Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

1. Opening devotion and prayer led by Kristy Harms
2. Motion to approve the April 25, 2023 Minutes made by Jane Rizzo. Seconded by Dan Franklin. The motion passes unanimously.
3. Financial Report - Jane Rizzo
 - a. Budget trends - reports to congregation to continue
 - b. Giving statements will be mailed first part of June
4. Kristy Harms moved to approve the April financial report. Candace Godfrey seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
5. Council Updates & Action Items
 - a. Summer schedule for Council and Board Nights
 - i. Plan to keep the scheduled Board Night on June 13th; boards can decide individually if they are going to meet in July and August
 - ii. **Note: No official Board Night for July and August**
 - b. Property & Grounds project priorities (included in the materials for this meeting)
 - i. Board will continue to gather estimates for expenses
6. Pastor's Report (included in the materials for the meeting)
 - a. St. John's is inquiring about applying for a grant from the ELCA World Hunger Fund, along with other ELCA congregations. This grant would include assistance for domestic hunger projects. Funding would be \$30K over 3 years to help towards local food insecurity (specifically the CAC).

7. Board Reports - (included in the materials for this meeting)
 - a. Worship & Arts - asked for Council feedback on their ideas for improving church attendance on Sunday mornings
 - i. Emphasis on personal invitations and making connections with new faces
 - b. Stewardship - looking to partner with other boards to collaborate on messaging; tentative schedule included in the minutes.
 - c. Evangelism & Communications - no regular meeting as a Board but they had a quick Zoom call to discuss photography for pictures for the Church website;

8. New Business
 - a. Peel Project Meal - Foundation request
 - i. 40+ people attending the dinner; approx \$20/ person. Grant contributes \$400 toward meal. Pr. Jonathan suggests that the Foundation to cover the remaining balance of the meal, approx \$400.
 - ii. **Kristy Harms makes a motion to authorize the release of up to \$400 from the Community & Social Fund in the St. John's Foundation for the Peel end-of-program meal. Dave Neuger seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.**
 - b. Solar panels
 - i. Leadership team
 1. Ideally would include a representative from Stewardship, Property & Grounds, Evangelism & Communication, and Business Management
 2. Might include touchpoints with other capital improvement projects that align with the solar initiative
 - ii. Congregational Meeting (potential date: Sunday, August 13, 2023)

Future Dates:

- a. Boards: **Tuesday, June 13, 2023**
Please send notes of your Board meetings to Trish Goodrich within a week so she can have them prepared for Council meetings
NO SCHEDULED BOARD NIGHT FOR JULY AND AUGUST
- b. Council: **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.** Prayer led by Eric Sponheim

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Other Notes: none.

Respectfully submitted by Trish Goodrich