

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 26, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Not Present: Suzy Taggart, Suzanne Pfau

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Opening prayer led by Kristy Harms.
2. Rod Christensen moved to approve minutes from September 28, 2021. Rob seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Jane Rizzo presented the September financial report. Paul Beck moved to approve the September financial report. Gene Bakko seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Updates
 - a. Nominating Committee Update: committee is making good progress identifying potential candidates to fill roles.
 - b. Budget Committee Update: properties and Grounds is working to gain perspective on larger projects for the next year. Gene Bakko explained the list submitted for consideration. Prices for natural gas and electricity will increase significantly in 2022. The project to replace the existing canopies has been on the list for a time; the process has increased due to the increase in materials. Jane Rizzo made the motion to use \$10,471 from St. John's fund and the balance from Grace Overflowing. Rod Christensen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Meal Ministry Update: Safe Operating Task Force has made recommendations. Use of St. John's Hall is a safe space for allowing for a meal the first Wednesday in November.
 - d. Fellowship Coffee: coffee will be suspended for now to allow for Communion in St. John's Hall.
 - e. Safe Operating / Communion Update: we will continue to observe safe operating recommendations. Communion will be offered in St. John's Hall.
 - f. E-Voting Update / Communications to Congregation: Reminder that the motion was passed last year, but did not get published. Publishing these motions in December 2021 will advise the congregation of the motions passed by the Council.

5. Council Action Items

- a. Rachel Brownlee made the motion to use the remaining \$610 in foundation funds for a flat screen television for children and youth. Kristy Harms seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. November Council meeting is one week early on November 16, 2021 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

6. Pastor's Report

7. Board Reports

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Other Notes: none.

Respectfully submitted: Kristy Harms