

Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
December 21, 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. Pam Fickenscher, Ruth Dahl, Carolyn Nitz, Rachel Brownlee, Rod Christensen, Rob Nutt, Marilyn Calcutt, Suzanne Pfau, Mark Gleason, Paul Beck, Gene Bakko, Jane Rizzo via phone

Not Present: Suzy Taggart, Pr. Jonathan Davis

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Opening prayer led by Marilyn Calcutt.
2. Rod moved to approve minutes from November 16, 2021. Suzanne seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Special meeting Minutes included in the materials provided for this meeting.
4. Rob moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting. Marilyn seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Mark moved to approve the November financial report. Paul seconded the motion. Financial report approved unanimously.
6. Foundation Fund Balance. Mark moved to approve the Foundation Fund balance report. Paul seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Updates
 - a. Insurance: new vendor has been engaged, resulting in savings.
 - b. Budget Process: Budget Committee has met. The 2021 surplus is a one-time event. Budget considerations detailed in the materials for this meeting.
 - c. Personnel: report of activities included in materials for this Council meeting. Proposed changes to the by-laws for the committee have been proposed and are included in the materials for this meeting. Rod made the motion to approve the proposed changes to the by-laws, as drafted. Kristy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Safe Operating: this group continues to meet. Decisions are based on the evolving guidance that is available.
 - e. By-law Changes: see above.

- f. Boy Scouts: ELCA has issued recommendations to congregations with relationships with chartered Scout troops due to the bankruptcy status of Boy Scouts of America. No action is needed at this time. The proposed settlement appears to protect congregations, like St. John's. Current insurance has provisions retroactive to 2012.
 - g. Annual meeting: January 23, 2022. Communication must be sent to the congregation 30 days in advance. By-laws and constitution changes must be provided in advance. Electronic voting is an item to be voted on this year. The Annual meeting will be held in person, unless health considerations require a remote meeting.
 - h. Board Orientation & Council Retreat: dates in the agenda .
- 8. New Business: None
 - 9. Other Council Action Items: None
 - 10. Pastor's Report: included in materials for December Council meeting
 - 11. Board Reports: included in the materials for the Council meeting.
 - a. Worship & Arts: Paul made a motion to use the balance of funds to replace worn choir robes and worn music folders. Jane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Evangelism and Communication: Motion to move funds in the amount of \$1,079.00 from Foundation for purchase of microphones made by Mark. Motion seconded by Rod. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Benevolence & Social Concerns: Motion to send Foundation funds in the amount of \$212 to Global missions made by Carolyn. Motion seconded by Jane. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.
Other Notes: none.

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Harms.