Congregational Council Minutes St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN February 26, 2019

Present: Pr. Pam Fickenscher, Pr. Jonathan Davis, Ruthie Neuger, David Nitz, Suzy Taggart, Jenny Nystrom, Mark Gleason, Mary Hoff, Erik Holleque, Merilyn Calcutt, Bonnie Peterson, Terry Dell, Kathy Shea, Nancy Ordahl Kmoch Not Present: Martha Erickson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ruthie Neuger

- 1. **Opening Prayer** Offered by David Nitz
- 2. Winter Procedures When school is closed, church is closed
- 3. March 19 Next Council Meeting, early due to Spring Break
 - a. Worship and Arts board will provide treats at the March board meeting
 - b. David Nitz will lead the March council meeting
- 4. Kristy has Soup Supper schedule Pam will ask Kristy to get us the schedule
- 5. **Encourage good board attendance** by emailing or calling ahead of time same goes for the Soup Suppers

6. Pastor's Report

- a. Weather we've had to be flexible with our schedule.
 - i. Snow removal budget assessing our priorities
- b. Staffing Angie Gehring will be taking on some of Mary Kelvie's Shared Ministry duties. Some of Mary's duties will also go to Leah.
 - i. Hiring Committee Thursday, February 28 begins the first screening interviews over Skype.
- c. 3rd Street Tuesday, march 5, 2019, the city council will vote on the construction options. Looking for St. John's representatives to attend the meeting that evening Mark Gleason and David Nitz will attend
 - i. Pam will follow up with the city, inviting a council member to visit the property
 - ii. David Nitz met with Erica Zweifel (city council member) ecomments is a great way to send comments directly to city council members once the city council agenda is posted. David suggested sending a letter to

the city council - David Nitz made the motion; Mark Gleason seconded the month. Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Order of Operations Board members should send their minutes to Suzy within one week after their board meeting. These can be sent through CCB or emailed to Suzy at taggart.suzy@gmail.com.
- 8. **Stewardship** Pam Rob Quanbeck has offered to help organize an effort to increase giving in households under the age of 65.
 - a. 38% of St. John's donations currently come from households of people ages 80 and older
 - b. 70% of St. John's donations currently come from households of people ages 65 and older
- 9. **Thank You Notes** The box is in the office. Goal is to develop relationships. Board chairs are asked to thank people to help facilitate those connections and let others know they are valuable members of this congregation. Thank people and encourage others to use their strengths to give back.
- 10. **Summer Worship Schedule** one service all good feedback from the board, but the numbers tell a different story. June 2 services, July 1 service, August 2 services. We will need to have a way to communicate these time changes clearly.
- 11. **Memorial Weekend Sunday** The Sanctuary is closed due to painting. Service will be held elsewhere either outside or St. John's Hall, depending on weather.

12. Consent Agenda Items for Council

- a. 2019 Financials David Nitz made the motion to reschedule financials and treasurer's report to next meeting; Bonnie Peterson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Mary Hoff motioned to approve minutes from January 2019; Jenny Nystrom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

13. A closing prayer was offered by Ruthie Neuger

14. **Meeting concluded.** Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Suzy Taggart