

Agenda

St. John's Lutheran Church Congregation

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 + 7:00 p.m.

1. Prayer – We begin our meeting centered in the presence of God.

Silence, then opening prayer led by Joe Gasior. A time of silence for prayer and for gathering our hearts and minds together will precede the prayer.

2. Future dates

- a. Boards – **December 13, 2016**, Fellowship and treats at 6:45 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Worship and Arts to provide treats and devotion.
- b. Council – **December 20, 2016**, 7:00pm; Jennie Sorensen, prayer
- c. Council – **January 10th, 2017**, 7:00 pm; Andrea Hoff, prayer
- d. Annual Meeting – **Sunday, January 22, 2017**

Reminder: Please call or e-mail your board members prior to the board meeting and remind them.

3. Consent Agenda Items for Council

- a. Treasurer's Report, November 2016
- b. Minutes from the October 25, 2016 meeting
- c. Approval of Children's Board member as Council Rep thru January meeting

4. Pastors' Report

5. Mission and Visioning Discussion

Looking ahead to our transition from this Council to the next. How do we make the '16 Council to '17 Council changeover a smooth one?

- a. Current Plan and dates
- b. What is working and what is not? Is our Governance model working?
- c. What could we do better on a month to month basis? What are your frustrations?
- d. What topics might we cover at the annual retreat to get a great start on the year?

6. Council Action Items and Updates

- a. 2017 Stewardship campaign update
 - i. 212 pledges received (11/25/16)
 - ii. 275 to receive \$5500 grant
 - iii. Relationship to 2017 Budget process
- b. Reconciling in Christ (RIC) update
 - i. Spectrum ballot process
 1. Two (2) week ballot casting period starting at Dec. 4th Forum
 2. Recommendation – two (2) members of the Council count the ballots (Brent and Ruthie have volunteered)
 3. All-congregation notification of decision prior to the Annual Meeting
- c. Evangelism & Communication Update – Funding monitors. Follow up from tabled request in October.

d. 150th Anniversary Planning Update

7. Other business

- a. 2016 St. John's Foundation - \$11,327.68 balance remains for 2016.
 - i. St. John's Foundation will provide quarterly updates to Council for the purpose of verification of funds requested for the year, and the balance remaining for the year, as a check and balance for tracking funds available to the Council.
- b. Facility and Equipment Needs List status

8. Prayer – The president leads a prayer asking God's grace and help on our ministry. Items could include specific congregation needs / issues / items for thanksgiving; specific ministry areas of the congregation needing to be lifted to God; and/or any individual needs or requests council members would like to share in prayer.

Lord's Prayer: After the president's prayer is concluded, we finish the meeting praying the prayer Jesus taught us.

9. Adjournment follows.