

St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, April 9, 2024
Approved 5/14/24

Belonging to Christ, we are a family of faith, **Encouraging** spiritual growth, and **Connecting** others to lasting hope.

Call to Order: After a joint meeting with Gilman and Spring Lake Councils, the St. John's meeting was called to order by Marsha Brunkhorst at 6:33 p.m.

Those present: Pastor Bob Friese, Marsh Brunkhorst (President), Karen Gunderson (Vice President), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Treasurer), Luann Emerson (Financial Secretary), Tom Boyer (Property), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Beth Keehr (Education)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Luann Emerson, second by Karen Gunderson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Guest: Richard Johnson joined us briefly to discuss the need for volunteers at services and how we might remedy this.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Karen Gunderson second by Stacy Burr, to approve the March minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brian handed out reports for review and commented that we are fortunate to have Brandi in the office. After questions and discussion, a motion was made by Karen Gunderson, second by Tom Boyer, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Wednesday night services in June, July, and August will start at 6 p.m.

President's Report: Discussion on the number of keys to the church, who has them, and who still needs one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: Chair: Stacy Burr

- Working on getting volunteers. Discussion on the payments for our sponsor child, Charles Jasper. Discussion on having a Fall stewardship drive, including time and talent sheets.

PROPERTY: Chair: Tom Boyer

- Update on building project addressed under old business.

WORSHIP: Chair:

- Nothing new to report.

EDUCATION: Chair, Beth Keehr

- Nothing new to report

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sunday School Building:** We discussed the need to go through the building to see what can be donated or removed. The Council will tour the building next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Financing for Building Exterior Project:** Karen looked into a capital campaign, which we discussed further. A brochure is being worked on for this. Options for the down payment were discussed. There was a motion by Karen Gunderson, second by Tom Boyer, to borrow from our existing funds to pay the 30% down payment needed for financing, with the intention that our capital campaign will raise the project cost of \$164,000. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Combined Council at 6:00 p.m.; St. John's Council to follow.

ADJOURN: Motion by Tom Boyer, second by Luann Emerson, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Esanbock, St. John's Council Secretary.