

**St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**April 17, 2018**  
**7:05 PM**

**Call to Order:**

**Members Present::** President Melissa Westrick, Treasurer Kim Dennis, Paul Meteyer, Chris Snooks, Joe Tinson Sr., Alison White, Stated Supply Pastor Roger Facione, Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Enoch Carlton. Late Arrival: Jamie Inman

**Members Absent:** Kathi Bokano

**Guests:** None

**Agenda Items**

**Opening Prayer:**

Pastor Roger Facione started the meeting with a prayer.

**Minutes** from the March 20, 2018 Church Council Meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Joe Tinson to approve the minutes as presented. Alison White supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Primary Stated Supply Pastor Report (written and verbal discussion).**

**Visitations:**

Pastor Roger Facione presented his report. He shared with Council that there were many special need visits this month, as well the regular monthly visits. The Sunday School and Confirmation classes made goody bags for their visits. He gave a huge "Thank you" to all.

**Two New Families:**

Pastor Roger shared that there are two new families that will possibly join St. John's. The first is Kelly Upton, a single mom, with two youth in high school. Her sons are Liam and Gavin. Mom also joined us at Easter Breakfast and Easter Service. The second is Stephanie and Evan Krystopowicz and their 3-month-old baby, Emily.

**Easter Service:** Pastor Roger thanked all involved with Easter Sunday and Holy Week Services. They were very special and well attended. More detailed information provided in Pastor's Report.

**Confirmation Sunday:** Pastor Roger reviewed the information for Confirmation Sunday, which will be May 20<sup>th</sup>. We have 3 Confirmation students; Colin, Cora and Jonathan. The office is ordering Confirmation Robes and Stoles, which were approved at the last Council Meeting. Pastor also noted that the service will include the presentation of Bibles to those who are in grades 3 to 5 and have not received one. Alison White is making contact with those who will receive them on behalf of our Sunday School Program.

## **Primary Stated Supply Pastor Report (written and verbal discussion)**

### **Misc. Information:**

Pastor Roger shared that through the end of the year, there are two weddings planned:

- Wedding of Cameron Ricard and Nicole Socia on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> in Boyne Falls, MI.
- Wedding of Allison Meteyer and Dave LaPointe, Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John's.

Enoch and Roger are planning to attend the upcoming clergy meetings:

- Anchor Bay Minister Group-4/25
- ELCA Cluster Meeting-4/18

Pastor Roger also included a schedule of all the dates in which Enoch will cover worship through the end of the year. Schedule attached in his Report.

### **Upcoming Bible Study:**

Pastor Roger presented that he is looking into doing the "12 Women of the Bible" for the next session. He recommends that Council consider purchasing the books for the participants. Pastor advised that he has been at other churches where they either gift the books, split the cost, or ask for a donation from the participants. Currently there are 13 individuals that currently participate. It was decided to ask for \$5 per book.

Motion to accept Pastor Roger's Report: Joe Tinson made the motion. Support by Paul Meteyer. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Report from Enoch Carlton:**

Minister Enoch reported the completed visitations for the month of April. These are included in his report. He wanted to bring to our attention, that Julie Lind made beautiful door hangers, butterflies, and donated chocolate to the spaghetti dinner. He also brought a birthday card for Dee Inman for Council to sign for him. All participated.

He also brought to council the information for the St. John's Youth/Family Camping Event to be held on July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Enoch created a flyer with the dates and information to make reservations. 8 cabins, 10 deluxe sites will be held for us until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Facione and Enoch discussed having the youth run the service during the family campout. Felt it was a good way to encourage the youth to participate.

Enoch requested approval for the campout flyer to be distributed to the church: Advised we can approve later in New business.

Motion to accept Pastor Enoch's Report:

Motion: Alison White. Supported by: Paul Meteyer. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Financial Report from Kim Dennis:**

Kim provided the Treasurer Report to council. Kim brought to Council the question of Benevolence and various charities that we send donations to every year. A document from August 2015 was presented to Council. In this document it is stated where the Benevolence and Special Events monies should go.

Special Benevolence Offerings:

1. Thanksgiving offering will support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal
2. Our Advent Service offerings and Advent Coin Folder offerings will be used to support the ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.
3. Lenten service, Holy Week, and Lenten Coin Folders should be sent to the Macomb Jail Ministry, Synod is Building Here, Building There and Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.
4. Food Items collected from Extending the Feast will be delivered to St. Mary's Food Pantry. Cash donations will be forwarded to the Macomb Food Program.

Kim would like guidance and approval to distribute these donations.

Roger brought up that the Council in 2015 made this motion to use the monies as listed. He said due to turnover from 2015-2018, it might be a good idea to take a look at this procedure. What was good in 2015, may not be good for the Church in 2018.

Pastor Roger also advised that we should think about bringing this back when we have a full council to discuss.

Kim also asked what fund we should use to pay the \$779 deficit for the cost of cushions. Joe Tinson asked if we know if there are any additional expenses.

Motion to approve Kim's financial Report: Alison White made the motion. Supported by Paul Meteyer. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Service and Outreach Committee Report:**

Bay-Rama: St. John's could have a float or serve something, but it would take work from all the Committees. The Committee will check on the dates for Bay-Rama. The Committee would like to provide St. John's parking lot on the night of the fireworks.

#### **Christian Education:**

Alison White expressed her thank you for the Sunday School Teacher lunch, she said it went very well and was appreciated by all. They had a wonderful afternoon. Advised the first Sunday in May is the Mission Project. They are still working on Father's Day gift for the male shut-in's. Roger asked when the Sunday School Year End Celebration was going to be. It is going to be May 13<sup>th</sup>.

No other reports.

## **New Business**

### **Approval to use Good Samaritan Fund:**

It was brought to St. John's that there is a family in the community in need of help. There was a fire in their home; they currently have places for shelter. However, the mother is trying to get a mortgage and purchase a home. But from now until then, they will need to get some things to replace the items lost in the fire. Discussed to help through gift cards, asking for \$1,000. The mother asked that we could get Meijer, Kohl's, and/or Target Gift Cards. They will need some household items, food, etc. Pastor Roger brought up that we may want to pick a store that take coupons, and we could maximize the gift card and get greater value out of it. Kim Dennis brought up the question, why we do not just give her a check. Pastor Roger answered, that this could be a safe portal and in some circumstances, that \$1,000 may not be used as how we wish it to be intended. Pastor Roger also suggested that we do a 2-step program. Give \$1,000 now, and possibly give another when she is ready to start in her new home. We would hope that she would start worshiping with us, or that she would be comfortable to come to us again for assistance.

Motion to Approve: Kim Dennis. Supported by Paul Meteyer. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Women of the Bible:**

Motion to approve the purchase of 20 books, in the amount of \$220.

Motion: Alison made the motion, Melissa second. All in favor unanimously. Council approved this to be taken out Social Ministry.

### **Camille:**

Motion asked of council to pay Camille for her time away while ill, and not use her PTO for this.

Motion made by Melissa Westrick, supported by Paul Meteyer. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Mother's Day/Father's Day gifts:**

Council Approved to purchase carnations for Mother's Day. Father's Day gifts were going to be thought about.

### **Camping Flyers:**

Motion was made to distribute flyers to the Congregation for the camping event planned in July.

Motion made by Paul Meteyer. Supported by Alison White. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### **Cleaning Services:**

Paul Meteyer was asked to submit a list of cleaning duties that have to be done weekly and monthly for the Church and Educational Building. They would shop for supplies, vacuum, clean bathroom, sweep, mop, and empty wastebaskets. He is also going to meet with a cleaning company to get a quote for the windows and cleaning. He will report back at the next council meeting.

### **Directory Update:**

Melissa shared with council that she is working on creating the directory and hoping to receive the rough draft by the end of May.

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Chris Snooks, Supported by Melissa Westrick. Motion passed unanimously. 8:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Melissa Westrick