

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes May 15, 2018

Members Present: Vice President Kathi Bokano, Treasurer Kim Dennis, Secretary James Inman, Chris Snooks, Joe Tinson Sr., Pastor Roger Facione, Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Enoch Carlton.

Members Absent: Paul Meteyer, President Melissa Westrick, Alison White

Guests: Gayle LeClair and Roger Bokano

AGENDA ITEMS

Call to Order: 7:00PM- Kathi Bokano chaired the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Roger Facione started the meeting with a prayer, Prayer for Holy Fire

Minutes from the April 17th, 2018 Church Council Meeting were reviewed. There was a correction Kathi Bokano was listed as present and absent from the meeting. She was absent from that meeting. Motion was made by Joe Tinson, Sr. to approve the amended minutes with support from Chris Snooks. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Report (written and verbal discussion).

Visitations: Pastor Roger Facione presented his report. He went on Special Need Visitations to Russell Dussett (4 visits), Norb Hageman (4 visits), Gail Osbourn (5 visits) and two visits to Jim Powell, the day before and the day of his death.

Pastor Roger also conducted Special Services and Activities:
Funeral Service for Jim Powell on April 23rd
Membership home visit with Dianne B.
Wedding Prep Meeting with Alison Meteyer and Dave LaPointe

Member Care Planning Meeting: Pastor Roger thanked Kathi Bokano, Gayle LeClair, Deb Carlton, and Minister Enoch Carlton for a very productive member care planning session. It's great to have co-chairs (Gayle and Deb) who are excited and committed to making the committee as successful as it can be. Much work is to be done and the committee will be supported.

Confirmation Sunday/ Presentation of Young Readers Bibles: May 20th is Confirmation Sunday and we are excited that Colin Barrett, Cora Wright and Jonathan Snooks are being confirmed. Robes and stoles have arrived. They have completed their year-end assignment of selecting a Bible verse and write about its meaning to them (no more than 100 words). The office is preparing bulletin inserts including each student's work.

This Sunday, Young Reader Bibles will be handed out to children the Sunday School staff has identified as being eligible to receive them. This includes children in 3rd and 4th grades. The following children have been identified:

Owen Jones - 3rd grade
Jayden Lyndsey - 4th grade
Natalie Rae - 3rd grade
Matthew Penzien - 3rd grade
Nicholas Wright - 3rd grade

Four of the children and their families plan on attending the service and receive their Bibles. They are Owen Jones, Jayden Lyndsey, Natalie Rae, and Nicholas Wright.

New Member Endorsement: Dianne Bossenbery, a widow, Chesterfield Twp resident is a lifelong Lutheran wishing to affirm her faith for membership in St. John's. She attends the 10:15 service. Pastor Roger met with her on May 8th at her home. Pastor Roger requests Council approval and asks the Member Care Committee ensures that Dianne is given a membership list of names, addresses and phone numbers until our new directory is ready, as well as her Offering Envelopes.

Other Potential New Members: Two families have expressed interest in membership with our church. The first family, Kelly Leahy-Upton and her two high-school aged sons Liam and Gavin remain interested. Kelly made it clear that this is dependent on her sons and what seems best for them. A primary concern is her desire to have her sons confirmed, but not in a program serving middle school grade level students. I told Kelly I believe we could start a separate high school track for them. Gayle LeClair's granddaughter, who will be in high school next year, is interested in being confirmed.

The second family is Evan and Stephanie Krystopowicz and their 3-month old baby Emily. They worshipped with us at Easter and want to have their baby baptized. I told them they ought to first worship with us and see if our church is a fit for them. I have called and emailed them since that time and today May 15th they responded saying they hope to attend worship this Sunday.

Synod Assembly May 11th and 12th- Kathi Bokano, Enoch Carlton, and I attended. I attended the first day only, Kathi and Enoch attended both days. Elections were held for positions on Synod Council and Synod Representatives to the Church-Wide Assembly next year. A variety of reports were presented from church-wide organizations serving needs of churches, those doing ministry, outreach, and justice issues across the greater church. Friday evening Detroit News columnist Rochelle Riley gave a key note address on how the burden of racism has impacted our country and our responsibility to fight against it.

Special Services/ Meetings

Weddings-Two weddings are planned this year.

Cameron Ricard and Nicole Socia set for Saturday, 8/25 in Boyne falls
Dave LaPointe and Allison Meteyer set for Saturday, 11/24, St. John's

Ecumenical Clergy Meetings- Minister Enoch and I attended the Anchor Bay Ministerial Alliance on April 25th and plan to attend their Wednesday May 24th meeting at Lighthouse Church. I also attended the Bluewater Area ELCA Conference meeting at Fellowship Lutheran Church on April 18th. The next meeting is May 15th in Port Huron, I was not able to attend that meeting. The Bluewater Cluster may be meeting August 29th and September 9th.

Summer Worship: Summer Worship schedule begins after Memorial Day. It is planned as follows:

Thursday Services- From Thursday May 31st through August 30th our informal worship in the church parlor will occur each week starting at 7pm to 7:30pm, except the weeks of Vacation Bible School (August 2nd) and MCREST (August 23rd). It will follow last year's liturgy and include Holy Communion.

Sunday Services- We will continue to have 8am and 10:15am services during the summer. Some members have asked about our schedule for worship this summer. As such, I request the Council make sure our upcoming newsletter, weekly St. John's and our Sunday announcements include this information. It's also important to make sure our bread makers have one small bread ready for our Thursday evening worship. Thank you.

Summer Bible Study: Council had endorsed the summer Bible Study on "Twelve Women of the Bible" and purchase of the study guides was approved. The study guides have arrived and are being distributed with participants paying \$5.00 per study guide. The weekly study will be on Thursdays at 10:30 and on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm following the informal worship. Bible Study will not meet the weeks of Vacation Bible School (August 2nd) and MCREST (August 23rd).

Also- Worship and Music Committee has recommended an outdoor service on September 16th. The Children's Message and Children's Church will be based on the Gospel lesson during the summer.

Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) Report from Enoch Carlton:

Minister Enoch presented his report. Minister Enoch has scheduled nine visits from May 15-May 31st. he is unable to schedule earlier visits due to his final semester at college, now finished. Minister Enoch is excited to deliver the gift bags during his visitations and thanks the Sunday School children, Confirmands, teaching staff, parents and everyone who helped create the wonderful gifts. He also thanks the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the blessed shawls delivered to some members in need.

Motion to approve Pastor Roger and Minister Enoch's reports was made by Chris Snooks. with support from Joe Tinson Sr. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made to accept membership of Dianne Bossenbery was made by Joe tinson Sr., supported by Chris Snooks. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to affirm the Summer Worship schedule was made by Jamie Inman, supported by Chris Snooks. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report from Kim Dennis: Kim Dennis presented the Financial Report. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report, but there was discussion about the special offerings during Thanksgiving, Advent, Lent, and Extending the Feast.

A motion was made to accept the Financial Reports by Jamie Inman, with support from Chris Snooks. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jamie Inman to have the special offerings sent as outlined in the April 2018 Council meeting (which reviewed Council's decisions in 2015):

- Thanksgiving offerings will be sent to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- Advent offerings and Advent Coin folder offerings sent to Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
- Lenten service, Holy Week, and Lenten Coin folder offerings will be sent to Macomb Jail Ministry, Synod Building Here Building There, and Lutheran Social Services of Michigan
- Extend the feasts food items sent to St. Mary's food pantry, with cash donations going to Macomb Food program
- Direct Budget Committee to review fund categories.

The motion was supported by Joe Tinson Sr. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music Committee Report

Roger Bokano presented the Worship and Music Committee Report:

- Lay Leader Schedule for the summer (June through September) is being worked on by Jamie Inman.
- Music was selected for the Summer services. Special Call to Worship will be presented for the following services:
Mother's Day Service (5/13/2018)
Confirmation Sunday (5/20/2018)
Memorial Day Service (5/27/2018)
Father's Day Service (6/17/2018)
Independence Day Service (7/1/2018)
- Outside Worship Service set for September 16, 2018.
- Setting #1 for Liturgy will begin June 1, 2018.
- Altar Guild: New altar cloths received.
- Choir- The choir will sing their last performance on Confirmation Sunday until the MCREST healing Service in August.
- Worship Technology- Began discussing bringing St. John's into the 21st century with integrating technology into worship service. Display screens, for better viewing was discussed. Announcements could be displayed. Surrounding churches will be contacted to see what type of equipment and which company they use.

- For the Good of the Committee- It is recommended by the Member Care Committee that this summer we have Children's Church during the 10:15 service. The idea will be recommended to the Christian Education Committee and to the Council.

Prayer Shawl Committee Report

Gayle LeClair presented the Prayer Shawl Ministry Report. Between January 2018 and April 2018 three prayer shawls were presented to the parents of children being baptized. And, a shawl was given to an expectant mother who has cancer.

On April 29th Prayer shawls were presented during worship service to two congregation members with health issues. 18 Prayer Shawls were displayed for the congregation and blessed at both the 8am and 10:15am services. Plans are to distribute shawls to homebound or members in need. After the meeting another shawl was given to a congregation member for his hospitalized mother.

The Committee is currently working on an information card for each shawl as it is given to those in need. A \$40.00 donation from a congregation member will be used for the cards as they are printed.

There currently 8 members in the Committee and the next meeting is July 29th at 9:15am.

Member Care Committee Report

Co-Chairs Gayle LeClair and Debb Carlton met with Pastor Roger, Minister Enoch and Kathi Bokano to discuss overall objectives and prioritize needs for the congregation. Announcements have been made for committee volunteers. Individual members have been approached concerning the committee. Joe Tinson Sr. and Jamie Inman have confirmed they will participate.

A member care board has been ordered to be displayed in the sanctuary, anticipated delivery May 16th. Roger Bokano will install the board. Gayle and Debb will meet on May 19th to decorate the board and set the agenda for the first committee meeting. That first meeting will be June 10th between services. Subsequent meetings are planned for the second Sunday of every month.

New members have been contacted to ensure they met the deadline to be included in the new directory. Debb and Gayle will alternate attending Council meetings.

Chris Snooks made the motion to accept the reports with support from Jamie Inman. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

ECCO- Discover Our Community is Saturday August 25th from 10am-4pm. This also happens to be during MCREST week and the wedding in Boyne Falls. Minister Enoch will work with Joe Tinson Sr. to see if there are volunteers willing to work on this. A motion was made to have Minister Enoch and Joe Tinson Sr. pursue participation in Discover Our Community by Jamie Inman with support from Chris Snooks. Motion passed unanimously.

Thank You Letter for Cushions- There was discussion of a thank you letter for the work done on the pew cushions. A question was raised if the kneeler cushions were going to be worked on also. Roger Bokano said he will check on that.

Ice Cream Maker and Kitchen Updates- A friend of Kathi Bokano's will sell St. John's and ice cream maker for \$1200.00. Roger Bokano stated it was high quality and inexpensive at that price. A motion was made by Chris Snooks to purchase the ice cream maker using General Memorial funds. Motion was supported by Jamie Inman. Motion passed unanimously. This will also cover installation of the ice cream maker

Kitchen Update- We need to go through the cupboards and cabinets, organize and get rid of things not used. An announcement to the congregation should be made asking people to pick up personal items they may have left in the kitchen.

Plans are for new cabinets over the white stove, get rid of the silver storage unit to allow interface with new ice cream maker. That money will come from the Breakfast Fund.

A motion was made by Chris Snooks to proceed with the kitchen updates as described, support from Joe Tinson Sr. Motion passed unanimously.

Children's Church- Children's Church will consist of children activity during the 10:15 service. Minister Enoch stated this would be part of the Youth Ministry. Volunteers will be sought and work in teams of two, with a plan to get the older youth to participate. The Children's message and the theme of the Children's Church will come from the Gospel message that Sunday.

Good of the Church- Pastor Roger noted St. John's street side sign is up and we should thank Tim Steffens, Paul Meteyer, Roger Bokano, Ken Larsen and John Shields for the work they put into the sign. A picture of the sign and the group who worked on it should be displayed on the Member Care board.

Joe Tinson Sr. asked if anyone knows where the letters and numbers for the older sign may be. Minister Enoch and perhaps Paul Meteyer will inquire.

Adjourn- Motion to adjourn Joe Tinson Sr., support Chris Snooks. The motion passed unanimously. 8:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jamie Inman