
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – LCMC

Church Council Minutes

Date: 2/15/2021

Present: Sue Lein, Linda Dilts, Bethany Hardy, Derek Fitcher, Nicole Anderson, Pastor Ben, Linnea Kment, Jim Johnson, Hal Satter, Kim Schmidt, Barb Peterson

Absent: Roxann Berg

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Derek Fitcher.

- Pastor Ben opened with devotion and prayer.
- **Minutes Approved**
 - Nicole Anderson motioned to approve the minutes from 1/24/21, Sue Lein seconded. Motion carried.
- **Financial Report**
 - January 2021 Financial report was reviewed and discussed.
- **Pastor's Report**
 - Last year only two members fell asleep in Christ, but this year five members have already have fallen asleep in Christ.
 - Confirmation has been going well.
 - Struggling with the sound system. Pastor Ben sent a plea for help online and Matt Mitchell responded and came to help. With his guidance, the sound has already improved and Pastor Ben is working on some instructions for how to work the soundboard to ensure that someone could operate the system if needed. Matt also gave Pastor Ben a suggestion for a laptop to use for the system as his current laptop is working very hard to operate programs and sound. Matt also provided guidance on updating our general technology needs.
 - Pastor Ben proposed technology updates.
 - Nicole Anderson motioned to approve the purchase of a laptop for the purpose of worship and music, Sue Lein seconded. Motion carried.
 - Purchase is approximately \$1,140.00
 - Jim Johnson motioned to approve the purchase of a mesh WiFi system, Hal Satter seconded. Motion carried.
 - Purchase is approximately \$600
 - Barb Peterson motioned to approve the purchase of a new computer system, with a keyboard and mouse, for the office secretary and financial secretary, Linnea Kment seconded. Motion Carried.
 - Purchase is approximately \$1,400
 - Finances will come from Special Offerings.

Committee Updates

Old Business

- Update on members to reach out to
 - Council members shared their communications with the list of members they reached out to recently. Membership lists will be updated.
- Review annual meeting minutes. Share to congregation
 - Minutes will be shared with the congregation this Sunday with the bulletin for informational purposes. The minutes will be approved at the Semi-Annual meeting in May.
- Re-keying the outside of the church
 - At this point, it is unclear who all has a key to enter the church.
 - The property committee will look into this further.

New Business

- Church Council Secretary
 - Bethany Hardy is resigning from Church Council Secretary.
 - Sue Lein motioned to accept the resignation of Bethany Hardy as the Church Council Secretary, Hal Satter seconded. Motion carried.
- Property update
 - Furnaces will be replaced in the school first right before Lent. They will return the 2nd week of April to continue working. AeroTek is expecting approximately 6 weeks for completion.
 - The siding in the back of the church needs to be replaced as it is beginning to fall off.
 - The security cameras inside are being adjusted, but some of the batteries do not seem to be holding a charge.
- Donor Cross
 - Linda Dilts presented a proposal for the way to utilize the leaves on the donor cross that is in the foyer of the church. Any donation of \$500 or more will be eligible to have their name engraved on a leaf and placed on the donor cross by request.
 - Nicole Anderson motion to accept the proposal as stated above, Sue Lein seconded. Motion carried.
- Preserving the history of St. John's
 - Worship and Music would like to set up a history room in the Fireside Room. While cleaning many items and pictures have been found that would enhance our knowledge of our history of St. Johns. Council stands behind the decision to transform the Fireside Room into a history room while still allowing it to be used as a meeting room.
- Job descriptions for custodian and secretary
 - Additional edits made to the custodial job description and will review again in March
 - Additional edits made to the secretary job description and will review again in March
- Summer events
 - No garage sale at this point, may combine with flea market.
 - Community Event is still a topic of conversation.

Nicole Anderson motioned to extend the motion by 15 minutes, Linda Dilts seconded, motion carried.
Sue Lein motioned to extend the motion by 15 minutes, Linda Dilts seconded, motion carried.

Jim Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:39 pm, Hal Satter seconded, motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bethany Hardy, Council Secretary