

June 2024

**Council
&
Board Minutes**

Caring Ministries Minutes
June 20, 2024, 4:30 PM

Present: Rhonda Schmidtke, Kathy Hoeft, Jessica Hoeft, Cherie Schafer, Jacquie Moon

Business:

1. Cherie Schafer began with three questions for the board.
 - a. Would the Scholarship Committee be considered one of our ministries?
 - i. No: it is not a physical need.
 - b. Is the kitchen considered one of our responsibilities?
 - i. Most likely not.
 - c. Should the board be making Welcome Bags for new members?
 - i. This would not be a physical need. It is hospitality and not something the board would not like to take on at this time.
2. Coats for Kids: Rhonda read the message sent by Lisa on the details of the program & will type them up for the binder. Kathy Hoeft will contact Judy Hughes to see if she would be interested in being the coordinator this year. Possible other people: Becky Meyer or Jenisha Garden.
 - a. Coats for Kids has a line item in the e budget which has been used this year to purchase gear.
 - b. Will need to put a notice in the August newsletter & bulletins for donations of new or gently used winter weather gear.
3. Helping Hands: Cherie gave us an overview of the activity. At this time there is nothing they need from our board.
4. Blessing Box: Jacquie gave an overview of this activity. Linda Klemesrud set a 12-month schedule of volunteers. The volunteers are given some instructions on what to do for their month. No needs at this time other than a possible shopper volunteer.
5. Mobile Food Pantry: Sarah Kendall mentioned to Kathy that Jen Burton is looking for volunteers for July 3rd from 3:30 – 5:00 to help pack 350 meals. Sarah was going to put a notice in the bulletin for July 23rd.
6. God's Work Our Hands: Jodi is chairing this activity. Can she let the members know of any needs at this time?
7. It was asked if we need a line item in the budget and decided that we do not at this time.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be July 25th at 4:30 p.m. This is a week later as several members participate in the Floyd County fair.

Board of Deacons Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2024

Meeting was called to Order @ 10:01 A.M.

Members in Attendance: Lorie Hoeft, Kathy Crooks, Wayne McClintock, Melanie Johanningmeier, Eric Johanningmeier (Council Liaison)

Opening Prayer: Wayne McClintock

OLD BUSINESS:

Thank you to Paster Bauer for presiding over Communion on June 2nd. Thank you also to Kathy for filling in for Julie during her illness. Thanks to Emilee Sande and Sierra Hinz for helping acolyte and serve communion. Julie's second ENT appointment is June 18th. She will know more then on return to Deacon's Board and serving Communion.

Communion Servers for June:

June 16th : VBS School Service. [Baptism for Four individuals.](#)

1. Brent*
 2. Kathy*
 3. Wayne
 4. Beth
 5. Pastor Leeper
- (*Indicates Set-Up)

Acolytes for June:

June 16th – Emilee Sande, Sierra Hinz

June 23rd – Riley Keyes [Special Music – Piano Duet](#)

June 30th – Devoney O'Brien

June Scripture Readers:

June 16th - Wayne McClintock

June 23rd - Grace Kendall

June 30th - Marron Murray

NEW BUSINESS:

Communion Servers for July:

July 7th: [Special Music – Laker Kubik](#)

1. Brent
 2. Kathy
 3. Lorie*
 4. Wayne*
 5. Beth
- (*Indicates Set-Up) #Pastor Bauer will bless Commuion.

July 21st :

2. Brent*
 2. Lorie*
 3. Wayne
 4. Beth
 5. Pastor Leeper
- (*Indicates Set-Up)

St. John Lutheran Church Finance Board Meeting

June 11, 2024

Present: Ron James, Karol Carpenter, Sharon Tieskotter, Jeremy Heyer, Brian Watkins, Ryan Venz, Rhonda Schmidtke Business Manager, Kim Watkins Council Chair, and Shirley Holm Council Liaison.

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Jeremy Heyer.

Jeremy opened with a prayer.

Ryan Venz made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion carries.

Karol Carpenter made a motion to approve the June 11, 2024, agenda, Ryan Venz second the motion. Motion carries.

Approval of Disbursements: Karol Carpenter made a motion to approve the May disbursements, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion. Motion carries.

Old Business:

1. Capital Projects:

A: The Building and Grounds has received bids for the parking lot and will be evaluating and submitting their recommendations.

2. Bill Paying Procedure: Jeremy Heyer has been stopping at Rhonda Schmidtke's office on Friday to check over the weekly invoices and adding a second signature for approval.

3. Policy For Purchases and Reimbursements: Shirley Holm has made the Finance Board recommendation to the council for any expense over \$100 to be approved before the spending occurs. The Finance Board has suggested that the preauthorization for the expense and the reimbursement form could be combined into one form and kept in the slots located in the hallway by the parish Hall. Rhonda Schmidtke will put together a news item to be put in the ESkinny as well as the newsletter and the bulletin so members will be informed of this new process.

New Business:

- . Review Monthly Reports: Rhonda Schmidtke reviewed the Financials, Ron James made a motion to approve the Financial Reports, second by Brian Watkins. Motion carried.
- . iPad for Music Department: Music Director Melanie Johanningmeier has requested the purchase of an iPad for the music to be downloaded to and then instead of sheet music she would use the iPad. Tabled until next month to inquire on cost of music that would be downloaded.
- . Kim Watkins discussed finance, the budget, and some areas of concern for expenditures and accounts. In some cases, the budget for the year has been exhausted and so discussion was given how to continue these programs. It was

decided that a committee will be formed to assist in these areas to help ensure that one person does not have all the responsibility.

. Mission Trip Compensation: Kim Watkins wondered if she could have some compensation for all her time and efforts put into the upcoming mission trip. She will not only be going on this mission trip but has also made all arrangements for this mission including taking vacation from her job. Karol Carpenter made a motion to compensate Kim \$1000.00 for all her time spent before and during this mission. Ryan Venz second the motion. Motion Carries.

Council Report: Shirley Holm reported numerous items from the council. There have not been any responses for the youth director position, the council is checking into a new web site that could share more information not only concerning the church but activities as well as a bible study, a daily prayer, and numerous other activities. The revised bylaws and constitution were submitted to the ELCA and were returned with a couple issues in wording. The council will revise and submit it to the congregation for approval again.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Karol Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sharon Tieskotter second the motion.

Motion Carries

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Karol Carpenter

Finance Board

Parish Education Notes- June 2024

- Members Present: Amy Kubik, Tammy Quade, Beth Hurt, Whitney Franke, Julie Beggeman, Gregg Grimm

- Sunday school
 - Behavior Policy sent to Council to look at
 - 3 year olds no longer coming for Sunday School, will start at 4 year old
 - Register Sunday School students starting in July so we can get a headcount of numbers for each age group. Then we will know how to split up the ages for Sunday school classes
 - Beth will make the google doc form for this
 - Still discussing getting TV's and streaming devices for each Sunday school room. Also needing a WIFI repeater for the basement. Beth is going to talk to her husband about good options for this. Will ask finance committee for some funds for this, possibly out of Cans for Kids funds.
 - Discussed needing more adult sunday school teachers. Will be asking volunteers to take roles for a month long period.
 - Need to have a beginning meeting with all the Sunday school teachers prior to the start of Sunday school
 - Talked about doing different activities throughout the year to keep Sunday school fun and engaging
 - Beth will bring options for Sunday school curriculum for us to look at and choose from

- VBS
 - Still needing volunteers, specifically crew leaders, bible story area, and kid vid
 - Offering silver cord hours for this
 - June 9 @ 1pm: decorating the church for VBS

- Next meeting
 - July 7, 10:15am in the Fireside room

Stewardship Board Meeting

June 18, 2024

The Stewardship Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 in the St. John Chapel area. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Nadonne Buseman. The following members were also in attendance: Tami Miller, Kathy Waldorf, Jeanne Hansen, Bev Selvig (Council Liaison), Sandy Hicks, and Intern Beth Hurt.

Intern Beth Hurt opened the meeting with a prayer.

Sandy Hicks read the minutes from the May 28, 2024 Stewardship Meeting. Kathy Waldorf made a motion and it was seconded by Tami Miller. The minutes were approved as read.

The Board discussed the possibility of holding the Blessing Box reverse offering more than just two times per year. This could eliminate the Blessing Box members having to go out and purchase needed items and then getting reimbursed for their purchases. There was discussion as to how much more is being spent to fill the Blessing Box. Rhonda Schmidtke will be contacted to see if she can give us an amount.

It was noted that dry beans/lentils are being placed in the blessing box. There was discussion if these could possibly be canned or put in a container with instructions for use. The beans could be used to soup and such. Not sure if most consumers know how to process/cook the dry beans.

Kathy Waldorf made a motion and it was seconded by Jeanne Hansen to approve doing the reverse offering for restocking the Blessing Box quarterly by calendar year. The times being January, April, June and September.

The council board has not met so there was no approval for participation in the 4th of July parade for this year. This could potentially be reviewed or addressed for next year.

Rhonda gave an updated amount for the available funds in the Kans for Kids account. The available funds are \$2,636.56. This is dated May 13, 2024. There have been no deposits made since that date.

The next scheduled meeting for the Stewardship Board will be Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the St. John Chapel.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra J. Hicks
Stewardship Secretary

St John Youth and Family Board

After church on 06/30/2024 in Chapel

Present; Kim Watkins, Carolyn Marth, and Justin Chase.

Kim opened at 10:10am.

Chairperson and Secretary?? Recommend Dennis Sande for Chair (even one year?), Carolyn for Secretary

Man Day was cancelled for 06/29 – river was up and there were not allot of signups. Maybe try to do it in the fall or something again?

Facebook Events would be helpful in more registration and ability to share information.

Ideas for things – Movie and Meal nights this summer with the Charles Theater are already set; Hockey games in Waterloo/Austin/Mason City; Bonfire Night or Tailgate supper before Charles City Football games

Need to recruit more people for the committee? Jenn Lessin, Sarah Murray, Valez family, Hammemeister family (Spelling?), maybe 2-3 youth members (middle schoolers?)

Rally Sunday on Sept 15th – need to coordinate with Parish Ed Board on what we can do. How many kids would be in Sunday School?

On Mission Trip, they did a “Breakthrough” game where they went into different rooms with different skills. (Mental, activity, team, etc.) maybe more for the middle school kids to do.

Next meeting – August 4th with Parish Ed for beginning to prepare for Rally Sunday, then break out into separate boards afterwards. Right after church, so 10:15 or so. Then we can have a meeting August 25th after church (For the September meeting) before Rally Sunday. No meeting in July.

Carolyn will send out an email and text for the monthly meetings.

Ended at 10:40am.

Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 6:01 pm on June 25, 2024 by Kim Watkins.

Present: Pastor Russ Leeper, Becky Meyer, Shirley Holm, Justin Chase, Julie Begemann, Cherie Schafer, Janet Petefish, Bev Selvig, Kyle LaBarge, Kurt Hoeft, Rhonda Schmidtke-Business Manager, Eric Johannngmeier- Vice President, Kim Watkins- President and Sarah Kendall- Secretary.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Leeper

Previous month's council minutes: Motion to approve May's minutes: Schafer/Holm. All approved.

Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda: Chase/Begemann. All approved.

Finance: Financial reports were distributed to the council. Motion to approve the financial reports: Petefish/Chase. All approved.

Council members expressed interest in receiving training regarding how to better understand the financial reports. Kim will work on a plan to provide this training.

Monthly Benevolence: The benevolence amount for this month is \$611.44. Motion to give this month's benevolence to Magedaline's Light Sober Living house: Petefish/Meyer. All approved.

Pastor's report: VBS and the mission trip were huge successes! Thanks to everyone who helped with them.

A request has been made for Courtney Hildebrand to transfer to Zion Lutheran in Rockford, Iowa. A request has been made from the following to become members of St John: Eliezer Velez, Deyaneira Rodriguez, Eliezer Velez Jr., Emma Velez and Austin Velez. Motion to transfer out Courtney Hildebrand and approve the aforementioned Velez family for membership to St John: Hoeft/Begemann. All approved.

Beth has now officially entered the internship program. This is the next phase of the Collaborative Learning Program. The Internship Committee will be continuing to meet with and support Beth during this new phase.

Parking Lot proposal from Building and Grounds: Galen Hickock from the Building and Ground board presented estimates for the parking lot project from JED Construction and Heartland Asphalt.

Board reports:

Council members were given updates on the various boards.

Building and Grounds: Mike Kreger has resigned from the Buildings and Grounds board. Motion to approve Al Brandau to the Building and Grounds board: Selvig/Holm. All approved

Parish Education: Council members were given a draft of the new St. John Sunday School Behavior Policy. Parish Ed is requesting feedback on the policy draft from the Council.

100 year event: Janet Petefish provided an update on the old bell and fundraising plans. Per Council discussion, any funds raised that exceed the cost of the bell project will be put first towards the stained glass window repair project and then the parking lot project.

Next meeting: July 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. (Change of date due to vacation conflicts and the Floyd County Fair.)

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm: Johanningmeier/Selvig. All approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes submitted by Sarah Kendall-council secretary

St. John Buildings & Grounds April/May 2024

Members in attendance: Brian, Lenis, Don T., Don H., and Gaylen

Opening prayer by Gaylen

Janet gave us some ideas about fixing the old bell up, wants us to get it out and get an estimate to fix it up.

Motion to approve agenda by Don H. second by Don T.

Brian made a motion to send the asphalt and concrete bids to the finance board, Jamie second the motion.

Spring clean-up went well, had a small group to help.

Talked to Pastor about getting him help to mow the parsonage lawn and other yard work. He said he is fine doing it himself.

Don H. took fire extinguishers to get them reinspected. Picked up a couple that were done, to put back in the kitchen.

The door latch is installed on the front door. Need to get the app and set it up.

Lenis and Don repaired the latches on the basement cabinets. As far as we know the new vacuum is approved for Jamie to purchase.

New Business

No use of the building or the bus.

Taking a look at the bell after the meeting.

Al Brandau is not going to attend the Building & Grounds meetings; we could not have any more members that can vote.

Have an estimate to repair the toilet in the ladies restroom choir room, motion approved: first-Don H, second-Lenis.

Approved the volunteer to do the painting in the Preschool room they have the money to spend from a grant they received last year.

Julie Begemann would like to paint the fence along the ac units, Lenis is talking to her, we decided to approve it even though it is not on the agenda.

Set the next meeting for July 16 at 6pm.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer.