

# **St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

Monday, March 7, 2022

*Held in-person*

Attendees: Pastor Zimmerman, Matt Pritchard, Dan Lebak, Katherine Graham, Richard Derring, Jen Harris, John Halley, Susan Falk, Mark Anderson, Tina Dunbar, Michele Snead

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Matt Pritchard.

Devotions led by Pastor Zimmerman – Ephesians. Check out D365.org for devotions. Spoke about choosing the right thing versus what we want now.

## **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Zimmerman is getting settled in and preparing for Lent. There will be 11 a.m. services on Wednesdays followed by a lunch and a 6:30 p.m. dinner followed by a book study each week during Lent. Bonnie still has two copies of the book. Pastor is preparing to visit the homebound before Easter and offer communion. Pastor will be attending the Spring Convocation the week of 4/25/2022.

## **Secretary's Report**

There were no comments or discussion about minutes from 2021. Comments were received for the February 2022 minutes and they were incorporated. Katherine Graham moved to approve the minutes from August, September, October, November, and December 2021 (including the Special Meeting minutes from 12/19/2021) as well as the minutes from February 2022, and it was seconded by John Halley. Minutes were unanimously approved. Council meeting minutes, as well as committee meeting minutes, will be posted on our website.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Giving was down for February. This is a normal trend. Expenses were also down for February 2022.

## **President's Report**

No correspondence received. Discussed that due to some summer commitments that Pastor Zimmerman has, additional Worship Supply Ministers will be needed to cover services. Bonnie is working on this. Worship and Music Committee will have updates in April. Synod Assembly will be held virtually (with some in person activities) June 16 – June 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need three volunteers. It was suggested that we ask Charlie Wingerd to attend. There was discussion around outreach and trying to make sure that we are doing what we can in person, virtually, YouTube, and Facebook. We reviewed the need to start finding new council members for 2023. Steve Zinger and Bill Horres are working with a crime prevention group to do a safety and security assessment for the church.

Katherine Graham gave a brief overview of the Call Committee activities. The committee met with Pastor Asplin. The committee will start building the church's resume next week. Plan is to meet once or twice per month. Pastor Asplin will do the Saturday (3/26) and Sunday (3/27) service. He can answer questions about the Call Process. Most of the work will be done online / electronically vs. print materials.

Talked about doing a Book of Acts study group (where do we go from here!DK) after Lent. Pastor Zimmerman offered to support the effort. The call committee may want to attend.

Talked about doing a Suggestion Box (physical and virtual) for congregants to call out what they would like to see the church doing.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Worship and Music (minutes provided)**

Discussed that the music licensing is an ongoing process. We are working to make sure we are compliant. John Frantz has been working with Seasons and Sundays. Council was encouraged to attend the Beacons of Hope class held every other Thursday. Discussed how musical talent within the church is being secured – is there a process for reaching out and asking congregants to share their talents?

## **Youth**

Youth raised \$500 from the Pancake Supper. There was great attendance. Great showing of youth volunteers.

## **Christian Education (minutes provided)**

### **Evangelism – Need Chair**

No report.

### **Stewardship**

No report. We do need to consider a new chair for this committee. Susan Falk did give an update on her meetings with Bonnie as the liaison between her and Council. The two met on 2/2 and are scheduled to meet on 3/9. Things are going well. Talked about trying to have Stewardship manage the Time & Talents of the church. Could help with things like trying to find musical talent. Prior to Covid, we were preparing a Time & Talent survey. We may want to revisit.

### **Social Ministry**

No report. Pastor Zimmerman did call out that Lutheran World Relief is currently doing a fundraiser for Ukraine. Might be good to see if there are ways we can help.

### **Women of St. John's**

Will host a coffee on 3/27 when Pastor Asplin is doing the service. Next major event is Christian Closet at the Flea Market on 4/9.

## **Men of St. John's**

Men's breakfast is on 3/12. Shelter visit was a success. Five members of MOSJ attended. Next event is the Flea Market on 4/9. Tables are still available. Dan Lebak is the Flea Market contact.

## **Property**

No report.

## **Finance**

No report.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Discussed setting up a committee to review what can be done with the Undercroft. Discussed upgrade vs. new design. Reviewed that we need to get feedback from various groups who use the space regarding what they need / would like to see. Mark Anderson will convene the committee. There was interest from Dan Lebak and Katherine Graham in participating on the committee. Need to make sure that we have representation from various groups as this will be a significant undertaking. There was a recommendation to get Joe Balogi involved. Pastor Zimmerman suggested a visit to the social space at Berkley Hills Lutheran. Mark Anderson did visit the space downtown discussed in January. Not 100% applicable to our space. More to follow on this subject.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Zimmerman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

