

St. John Lutheran Church, Waseca, MN  
Council Minutes  
March 12, 2019

- I. Don Wesseling opened the meeting. He noted that the February meeting had been canceled due to snowfall.
- II. Motion by Bill Erdman, second by Merrill Schultz to approve the agenda with change in the order of agenda items. Motion passed.
- III. Office Manager, Carrie Lonneman, was present. No other visitors were present.
- IV. Pastor John led the Council in devotions and prayer.
- V. Roll Call – all present except Gary Conrath (excused absence).
- VI. Sign-up sheet for Council Rep duties was distributed.
- VII. No Announcements
- VIII. Regular Business
  - A. Secretary's minutes – motion by Bill E., second by Kari Priebe to approve minutes of January 2019. Motion passed. (Note: no minutes for February meeting due to cancellation.)
  - B. Financial Report – Al Tonn reviewed January and February reports; noted that attendance two Sundays in February was extremely low due to snowfall. Global Mission offering sent. Motion by Merrill and second by Bill to approve the report. Passed.
  - C. Commission Building & Grounds – Bill Erdman
    - a. Discussed several repairs needed in church, parking lot and parsonage; roof repair in several areas needs immediate attention.
    - b. Council recognized the many hours Bill has spent with snow removal for the last months.  
Action Items: Bill will buy new light bulbs for areas of need.
  - D. Commission on Congregational Life: Michael Schlueter agreed to fill open position. No action items.
  - E. Commission of Worship and Music: Merrill Schultz  
No action items.
  - F. Commission on Social Ministry & Outreach – Kari Priebe  
No action items.
  - G. Education Committee – Val Possehl
    - a. Discussed the intergenerational learning focus for all ages; Lenten focus. No action items.

IX. Other Business

A. Office Manager Business Items – Carrie Lonneman

- a. Council toured the facilities and Council Representative duties were discussed.
- b. Office equipment immediate needs were discussed - copier, folding machine, elevator renewal.

Action Item: Bill Erdman, along with Al Tonn will bring these needs to Building and Grounds Commission to research appropriate vendors and make recommendation to Council in April.

B. Council *Contact List* was distributed for updates.

C. Marty Aberle's youth ministry position was discussed for 2019. Motion was made by Kari Priebe and seconded by Bill Erdman to continue working on a new job description as Marty continues working with St. John Youth in a half- time position. Motion passed.

Action Item: The position will be reassessed by Pastor, Marty and Council each month until there is a formal job description in place. Marty will be paid monthly.

D. Mission work scholarship request – Application for a \$300 scholarship for Katie Johnson from the Barb Penny Youth Fund. Motion made by Kari Priebe and second by Merril Schultz. Motion carried.

D. Review By-Laws – tabled until April meeting.

E. Pastor's Report – Pastor provided Council with a written report which highlighted his various tasks and obligations under his *Letter of Call*.

X. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer.

**XI. Next Meeting: April 9, 2019**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Hansen, secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nancy Hansen', followed by the date '4/9/2019' written in a similar cursive style.