St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA
Council Meeting Minutes
(June 9, 2021)

President: Michael Behsmann
Vice President: Ann Ruedy
Council Secretary: Koni Hudak
Financial Secretary: Al Tonn

Building & Grounds: Kyle Gallagher
Congregational Life: VACANT
Education: Terry Huber

Social Ministry & Outreach: VACANT
Worship & Music: Sue Michaels
Member at Large: Rhonda Behsmann

1. Call to Order Mike Behsmann called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome any VISITORS! No visitors
3. Opening Devotion – PASTOR JOHN
    a. Pastor John shared these bible verses which aim to teach us to have a heart for variety—Galatians 3:28; 1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Revelation 7:9-10; Colossians 1:16-17
4. Roll call (Quorum = 4 voting Members) Absent: Terry Huber, Rhonda Behsmann
5. Church Council Duty is now on new assignment sheet and is filled out for most of this year.
6. Announcements
    a. Council members schedule:
        i. 1st Tuesday of each month is Commission Meeting at 7PM in Trinity Hall.
        ii. 2nd Tuesday of each month is Exec. Council Meeting at 5:30PM in Pastor's Office.
        iii. 2nd Tuesday of each month is Church Council Meeting at 6PM in Trinity Hall.
7. Regular Business
    a. Secretary's minutes
        i. Sec. 8, sub sec. e., line ii: Change "Terry" to "Trevor"
            1. ACTION ITEM: **Koni H.** will make changes and resubmit to Julie K. for records.
        ii. Minutes will reflect names of "first" and "second" motions made.
    b. Financial report: Al Tonn
        i. St. John General Fund Income
            1. Line 18: Net Difference reflects ~$1,200.00 deficit for the month, as quarterly property insurance bill came due (~$2,200.00-$2,300.00)
        ii. May 2021 Expenses
            1. "Very few. Nothing out of the ordinary."
        iii. Trust Fund Designated Accounts – May 31, 2021
            1. Line 25: Undesignated-Memorials received generous donation; balance of $24,869.63
                a. Per Executive Council meeting, application of funds will be carefully considered.
        iv. Designated Gifts – May 31, 2021
            1. Line 28: Technology Project balance of $10,960.00
    c. Commission of Buildings and Grounds – Kyle Gallagher
        i. Estimate for parking lot scheduled for week of June 8.
        ii. Elevator site survey scheduled for June 17 or 18; top priority to comply with State Codes.
        iii. Fellowship Hall carpet
            1. Call to Suburban Furniture led to further considerations.
                a. Specific areas to replace—original carpet on south steps, in front of bathrooms, full eating area with or without hallways; color match existing; full roll of carpet or possible inlay in front of serving counter—design/functionality options of carpet squares (design by Quilters?), tile, linoleum, size of area needed, etc.
            2. ACTION ITEM: **Kyle G.** will take measurements of total areas and bring samples of options discussed and/or suggested by Suburban Furniture to next Council meeting.
            3. ACTION ITEM: **Ann R.** will contact WELCA Board for design and/or financial input.
        iv. Bell Tower
            1. Mike Behsmann & Bill Erdman, project managers.
                a. Repair/replace ceiling, light fixtures (LED bulbs), spray foam insulation/waterproofing (Greener World Solutions).
                b. Mike estimates ~$4,000.00 in materials; extra helpers will save labor costs.
                    i. Council to provide allowance up to specific dollar amount, TBD.
                c. What is age of tower's materials? Need asbestos abatement?
                    i. ACTION ITEM: **Kyle G.** will inquire about abatement costs/timeframe.
        v. Education Building Roof

1. ACTION ITEM: **Kyle G.** will continue pursuing bids.

d. Commission of Congregational Life – Dan Kuhns: Absent. No Report
   i. Dan Kuhns communicated an intention to attend the June meeting, but was not present.

e. Commission of Worship and Music – Sue Michaels: Nothing to Report

f. Commission on Social Ministry and Outreach – OPEN!!!
   i. Ann has reached out to nearly 20 members about serving on Council.
      1. ACTION ITEM: **Mike B.** and **Ann R.** will speak to congregation in further detail.

g. Education Committee – Terry Huber: Absent. Update via Pastor John
   i. In-person Sunday School, come Fall. Materials selected & ordered.

h. *Additional discussion on Regular Business *(*not on original meeting agenda)*
   i. Proposal to forego July meeting.
      1. Practiced by former Councils; beneficial for progress on building projects; communications to occur in form of group email.

i. Motion made to accept all reports under Regular Business and forego formal, in-person, July 2021 meeting, supplemented via group email by Council President, Mike Behsmann.
   i. 1st—Kyle G., 2nd—Sue M.; Motion passed. No objections.
   ii. ACTION ITEM: **Mike B**. will send group email to Council in July.

8. Other Business
   a. Buildings & Grounds – SEE PRINTED WORK LIST FROM APRIL MEETING.
      i. ARE WE READY FOR DISCUSSION & MOTION???
         1. No new updates since May meeting.
   b. Talking Points by Ann Ruedy – UPDATE
      i. Lists reduced to 4-5 pages per volunteer, through Commission's work to determine members deceased and those needing records transferred. Ready to begin calling.
   c. SJP video project – UPDATE
      i. DISCUSSION / MOTION
         1. Delayed for medical procedure.
   d. *Additional Discussion on Other Business *(*not on original meeting agenda)*
      i. Acknowledge Memorial donations via Thank You's (based on specified amount, to be determined) and general appreciation in bulletin and Lifeline, moving forward.
         1. ACTION ITEM: **Rhonda B.** will receive names of weekly donors via Julie K., write Thank You's, and provide data to Council for guidance in possible changes to threshold.
         2. ACTION ITEM: **Julie K.** will designate 'Thank You' area in bulletin and Lifeline.
   e. Discussion on COVID-19 update for unlimited church activity. Per new findings from Pastor John at Commissions meeting.
      i. Front doors opened; all pews available.
      ii. Homemade foods for small, private meetings; Catered/purchased foods for large events.
         1. ACTION ITEM: **Pastor John** will forward MN Dept. of Health guidelines to Council.
   f. Open discussion and / or motion to accept all and close.
      i. Motion made to accept all reports under Other Business, including the adoption of a $100.00 threshold for sending donor(s) a Thank You note.
         1. 1st—Kyle G., 2nd—Sue M.; Motion passed. No objections.
9. Pastor's Report: Summary
   a. Offering plates and Welcome Pads to remain in front & back of church, not passed; Children's Sermons resume, socially distanced; Facebook Live offers outside exposure; part-time youth leader job description to be developed (Congregational Life?); SJLC continues as a "Reconciling in Christ" synod.
10. Next Meeting is Set for July 13, 2021 - 6PM
   a. Per the vote outlined in sec. 7, sub sec. h., the next Council meeting date will be August 10, 2021 – 6PM
11. Additional Discussion / motion to adjourn.
   a. No discussion; motion was made to adjourn the meeting.
      i. 1st—Kyle G., 2nd—Sue M.; Motion passed. No objections.
12. Adjournment and Pastor John lead in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by: Koni Hudak, Council Secretary

Council President: _____

Date: _____