

## **St. John Lutheran Church, Waseca Church Council Meeting—March 12, 2024**

**President**— Mike Behsmann; **Vice President**—Terry Huber; **Secretary**— Julie Spies; **Financial Secretary**— Al Tonn; **Commission of Worship and Music**—Pam Grunzke; (absent), **Commission of Education**— Karla Lange; (Absent) **Commission of Social Ministry and Outreach**—Rhonda Behsmann; **Commission of Buildings and Grounds**— Kyle Gallagher; **Commission of Congregational Life**— Diane Blowers; **Member at Large**—Kim Elias.

1.) **Call to Order:** Mike Behsmann. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.) **Opening Devotion** – Pastor Kristen Venne – From 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13. Yesterday /today.

3.) **Visitors:** Mr. Russ Tesch

4.) **Roll call:** All in attendance except Pam G. (Quorum = 4 voting members needed to vote on motions) we have a Quorum.

5.) **Announcements:** Karla Lange out on medical leave. Full body cast, prayers needed and appreciated.

6.) **Regular Business:**

a. **Secretary's Report: February Minutes** – ok'd with a couple quick corrections. Passed by Council.

b. **Financial Report:** Al Tonn – Financial report is attached. Approximately negative \$5000.00 in the red. Typical for February. Everything else is on point for the year.

c. **Commission of Buildings and Grounds:** Kyle Gallagher – He has received a letter from Russ Tesch. Stating a little research he'd done regarding the parking lot "re-do". The church is under the Impression that the city is to dig up the adjoining street for sewer, so we were waiting for that project to be completed first. Russ has found out that project is no longer on their books – so he'd like the parking lot project to become a priority. Much discussion was had, great ideas were thrown out. Tabled for another meeting.

**BELL TOWER** repairs. We need to get some bids and get the dry wall and other needed things for it done.

d. **Commission on Congregational Life:** Diane Blowers – March 01/2024 is National Prayer Day. A schedule for prayers was set up from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. It was hosted at Grace Lutheran Church this year. They did a great job but hope for some changes for next year. Much discussion will be done for improvements. Caffeinated Sunday is March 10, 2024. Katie Bartz and WELCA are working together on this. Lutheran World Relief Day – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Care Kits to go out also.

e. **Education Committee:** Karla Lange - Absent - 2 Sunday School Classes left.

**Huber Hilltop Farm Service: May 19<sup>th</sup>2024**

f. **Commission of Worship and Music:** Pam Grunzke – Absent

g. **Commission on Social Ministry and Outreach:** Rhonda Behsmann –in full swing with the Food Drive as it's Food Shelf Month. Please donate freely with both food donations and cash (as it goes even further.) Thanks to everyone. May is "Undie Sunday".

h. **At Large:** Kim Elias – No report

**Pastors Report: Pastor Kristen Venne** – She will be on vacation from 4/10 to 4/16. 5 Communion for shut-ins, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Counseling, 1 meeting for an April Baptism, 2 Weddings put on the books, Holy week schedule, Good Friday Service – 7 p.m. Setting up training and more for the Transition Team. The Lenten Services using the movie "The Lorax" are going really well.

**8. Other Business:**

a. Discussion regarding Parsonage sale. Mike/Terry to be the contacts. SOLD!!!

**THANK YOU TO JON O'NEIL AND MOLLY ERDMAN** for making a smooth sale.

Al Tonn made a suggestion regarding where to put the money from the sale. He made a motion that we put the money in 3 CD's. Splitting it evenly in three banks: 1.) MinnWest, 2.) Edward D, Jones, 3.) Blaze Bank. This motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Passed. Thank you, Al.

b. Mike Behsmann - Report on lighting, video recording progress, Audio upgrade.

c. Discussion – Having issues with Facebook and we may possibly change to another service like: Channell 8, in house fine. Facebook has many problems when going LIVE. Possible U-Tube? All are being looked into.

d. Video to the public has been repeatedly delayed due to City Halls non-cooperation. We will continue to communicate with The City.

e. A new more efficient printer has been needed in the office. Contract ends 3/31/2024. Renew or cancel? Motion was made to cancel and get a new printer. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. ↖

f. Question as to where the new "Logbook(s)" are and how they are being used.

g. We discussed having a new church Directory developed. The last one was in 2012. Outreach or Congregational life to research when a new one could be done.

Additional discussion/motion before adjourning:

- a. Both lawn mowers are repaired and ready for spring. Terry Huber did all the work and donated his time talents and the full cost of the repairs (\$244.78). THANK YOU, TERRY HUBER!!!

**Other Old Business:**

Next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00PM Commissions, 6:30PM Council

a. Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. *By Terry + Kyle*

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer lead by Pastor Kristen Venne.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Spies, Council Secretary