

St. John's Lutheran Church

Kasson, MN

April 12, 2016

Present – Pastor Randy, Pastor Dana, Amanda, Lindsay, Dennis, Deb, Jay, Adam, Colleen, Carol, Al, Sharyn, Joel

Absent – Wayne

The meeting was called to order by Dennis.

- No "thank you's" were sent from or received to council last month . The council then read the mission statement together.
- A motion was made by Joel with a second by Carol to approve the agenda as presented – agenda approved.
- Dennis led a discussion asking the council again for a volunteer to be secretary of the council with Adam moving to Treasurer. After some discussion, it was decided that Colleen would be Secretary for the remaining part of the year starting with the May meeting. A motion was made by Joel with a second by Carol to approve of Colleen as the new secretary and was approved as presented. Thanks Colleen!
- Deb Smith led devotions and Pastor Randy shared a few thoughts on the message from the book "Faith the Yes of the Heart." Colleen will lead devotions in May.
- Pastor Dana then again led the council in a monthly topic discussion the Church becoming more "missional" in our day to day practices. She offered up several thoughts that appear strange to us as they are thinking outside our current way of thinking and comfort zone. As the Church, we need to ensure that we are taking the opportunity to provide what our congregants need and what we are used to doing.
- Secretary minutes from March were approved as presented with a motion by Colleen and a second by Carol. No changes.
- All other reports from staff were reviewed and no comments were offered from the council as these reports are available previously to the meeting.
- There was a call for some help with ushering and Communion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April and we got some volunteers to help us fill these slots.
- Lindsay talked a little about upcoming breakfasts for the next few months. May will be covered by Confirmation and June will be the HS mission group.
- Financial reports were shared with the council. These were approved with a motion by Adam and a second by Deb. April reports show the Church owing roughly \$10,000 to dedicated as well as \$55,000 on the line of credit at the bank through April.
- There were 2 motions brought to council to disburse dedicated funds. Approval of a duet piano bench from the George Lally and Family memorial fund was motioned by Adam with a second by Jay to pass this motion.
- There was also a motion made by Adam with a second by Jay to use Thrivent choice dollars of \$1000 for Confirmation camp and \$500 to youth global missions and this also passed.

#### **Old Business**

- Deb asked the council one more time that if you have a Memorial and Interior Design wish book additions to request them to her at the end of the meeting.
- There was some discussion led by Dennis with a recap of the flag policy meeting from the previous week Thursday. There were roughly 30 people at the meeting and Amanda had helped lead the discussion at the meeting. It was noted that there were more people vocal at the meeting who wanted the flag in the front of the Church but the pastors both feel that the flag should not be placed in the sanctuary. The council is going to wait until next month to ensure that we can visit other surrounding Church's in the area to gather more perspective on this topic as well as ensure the Music and Worship Commission wants us to handle this going forward.
- Pastor Randy asked for volunteers for the Synod Assembly on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

- We had one transfer out last month.
- Dennis gave the council a quick update that Pastor Randy and Dana will be going through a continuing education course on leadership over the next months and council may get e-mail invites to help with feedback during this process.
- Al brought up a point that we may want to look at staffing in the Nursery to ensure we are offering adequate options to parents during services and other Church activities to encourage more people to attend – especially those who could benefit from some help with children.

Next meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Adam with a second by Jay. Meeting adjourned.

The Lord's Prayer was prayed together by the council.