

## April 2018 Council Minutes

St. John's council met on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Present members included Jen, Marlo, Kim, Al, Joel, Jon, Kyle, and Kelly. Pastor John, Lindsay, and Amanda were also present. Dan and Sharyn were absent/excused.

### **1. Call to Order**

Jen called the meeting to order at 7:00.

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Al moved to approve the agenda. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jen has a couple of thank you notes for council members to sign.

### **3. God Sightings**

Council shared God sightings that they have recently experienced.

### **4. Devotions**

Amanda led devotions for the team (1Cor. 12).

### **5. Reports**

a) *Previous Meeting Minutes* - Marlo made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b) *Discuss staff and commissions reports* – Worship Committee recommended cancelling service on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> due to predicted low attendance and holiday. Council supports this recommendation.

c) *Roster* – 2 deaths and 3 baptisms, with a few more baptisms scheduled in April.

### **6. Financials**

Kim presented the financial reports. She noted that St. John's is slightly up for Quarter 1 compared to last year, and Easter was not yet considered since it fell in April, and attendance appeared strong.

The Edward Jones line is on the report, but the money has been transferred to the media team for a soundboard and microphone.

Credit cards were issued to Lindsay, Amanda, and Shelly to help alleviate the number of checks that need to be signed during the week, and to lower the amount of personal expenses that are turned in for reimbursement. The cards are issued as non-profit, non-secured, with no interest and is paid in full each month. Kim will draft a formal policy for usage.

In the May council meeting Kim will share a stop-payment policy so staff understands how to handle stop-payment requests.

Al moved to approve the financial reports. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **7. Old Business**

a) *Round Table* (see Annual meeting notes under New Business).

Jen discussed the various commissions and wanted council to be aware of all commissions' activities and purposes, and encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to communicate and to be certain to let the commissions understand that council supports and appreciates their efforts. Council is also to remember that forming a Call committee for a lead pastor will be priority for the next month.

b) *Council Visibility* – In an effort to maintain visibility and to be open to communication with the congregation, council discussed a few ideas to allow members to know to whom approach with questions, ideas, and concerns, including:

- a formal installation at worship services
- photos placed on an easel as done with new members
- name tags
- a “council corner” during coffee hour in the Narthex

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## **8. New Business**

Annual Meeting 2019 – has been scheduled for Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 after 2<sup>nd</sup> service at 11:30. Finance will meet in the days before the annual meeting to finalize annual reports.

## **9. Leadership/Vision**

Jen and Marlo posted signs with the 6 discussion questions from *The Advantage* based on the survey/feedback for council to review for the growth and future of St. John’s. Council then read through each submitted response, and pulled key words from each question, which is as follows:

a) *Why do we exist?*

- Serve God
- Community
- Equip
- Share the Gospel
- Disciples
- World
- Word of God
- Walk Alongside

b) *How do we behave?*

- Welcoming
- Service
- Hospitality
- Caring
- God’s Grace
- Devotion
- Discipleship
- Relationships

c) *What do we do?*

- Worship
  - House of Worship
  - Faith Formation
  - Service
  - Fellowship
  - Opportunities
- d) *How do we succeed?*
- Communicate
  - Relationships
  - Intergenerational
  - Connect people deeper within our community
  - Living our faith
  - Mentorship
  - Relationships
- e) *What is most important right now?*
- Communication
  - Building relationships
  - Going forward
  - Leadership
  - Enable and empower
  - Train
- f) *Who must do what?*
- *Leadership*
  - *Council communication*
  - *Staff*
  - *Be apostles*

Council is reminded to forward call committee suggestions to Jen. Also advise of any names attending the Synod Assembly on Friday, May 4-5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **10. Upcoming events/meetings**

Next council meeting is Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 pm in the Conference Room

Al will lead May devotions.

#### **11. Motion to Adjourn**

Kyle moved to adjourn. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **12. Lord's Prayer**

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Utesch