

## June 2018 Council Minutes

St. John's council met on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Present members included Jen, Marlo, Kim, Al, Joel, Jon, Kyle, Dan, Sharyn, and Kelly. Pastor John was also present. Lindsay and Deacon Amanda were attending confirmation camp.

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

Jen called the meeting to order at 7:00.

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

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

### **3. Devotions**

Kelly led devotions for the team.

### **4. Reports**

a) *Previous Meeting Minutes* - Kyle moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Al seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b) *Discuss staff and commissions reports* – Properties Commission is addressing a leak in the hot water system that runs in the sand beneath the Narthex floor. Al will reach out to Properties to see if this is something that he can repair without hiring a professional firm, as costs for servicing the system and identifying the problem are currently at \$4666, and repairs could be substantial.

The mulch for the CKP project will not have to be removed because it is certified. Joel will send an email to CKP to make sure the mulch is kept in place, and Al will talk to Properties to confirm as well. CKP will work with Properties to determine how much mulch to order with the City.

Council reviewed Shelly's proposals from Metro for the copier/printer needs. St. John's will donate an old copier to United Methodist. Shelly had two proposals from Metro for different durations and found that the best cost savings would be to sign on with the 60 months agreement, which would allow equipment to be swapped out in 5 years. Al moved to approve the 60-month proposal for Metro, and Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Deb Smith will do a Temple Talk on Sunday to address the landscaping project. Proposed dates to remove rock and to plant were planned for July 7<sup>th</sup>, and July 14<sup>th</sup>, but involved council members are not available on short notice. Jen asked Deb to put a note in Messenger to invite members and families to join, and council would like to see a church community event. Council would like to support the efforts and help with recruitment, but more notice will be needed. Al will contact Deb to see if the project can be done in late August, or a better time.

### **5. Financials**

a) *Summary of the past months' financials* – Kim reviewed April and May financial reports, and addressed several points below (see 5b-d). Marlo made a motion to approve the reports. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b) *Boiler leak* – Kim proposed ideas on how to help cover the cost of the boiler leak repairs, including applying for a Thrivent Choice grant for \$3-5k, another bucket challenge, or by conducting a

capital campaign. Properties Commission had budgeted for normal wear and tear repairs of \$1458 annually, but not for large, unplanned expenses as this and year-to-date repairs are at currently \$7082 before fixing the leak. Pastor John offered to help draft language for a capital campaign that will allow for money to be allocated by council's discretion to repair the leak and any other building projects.

- c) *Financial disbursements* – Kim discussed dedicated accounts and some of the limitations with money kept in those accounts when there may be greater need elsewhere.
- d) *E-giving platform* – Kim is working on finding three vendors that offer electronic giving platforms and is going through demonstrations and costs. Marlo will talk to Renee Solberg about Thrivent giving options that are already in place, but that members may not be aware of. Pastor John reviewed statistics of regular giving from those who pledge versus those who give without pledging. Besides the fact that pledges make budgeting easier for all church functions and programming, giving is greater and more mission goals are met when regular pledges and e-giving options are offered.

## 6. Old Business

- a) *Ministry Site Profile* – The selected Call Committee has met several times. Al is Council's representative and provided an update to all. The Ministry Site Profile is roughly halfway or further completed. Kyle has been recruited to help with wordsmithing the final product. The goal is to have the site profile completed and submitted to the Synod office by the end of June. The Call Committee is also currently discussing the desired level of experience for St. John's lead pastor.
- b) *Foundation* – Marlo attended a Foundation Committee meeting and discussed some revisions recommended from the previous council meeting. \$1000 was approved for the National Youth Gathering, \$1000 towards the Haiti Mission, which left \$441 left. Joel made a motion to approve the Foundation's revisions. Kyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c) *Round table* – Pastor John discussed an idea about putting faces with names for electronic communication. Photos could be as easy as taken with a cell phone, and youth could be tasked with assisting. This could also be used for building a pictorial directory. Siera Garcia is working to volunteer and recruit volunteers to staff the nursery so that parents may worship. Transfers in/out, weddings, baptisms, and deaths were discussed. Pastor John also updated on his courses that he is leading. Council has fulfilled its obligation for serving as ushers on the second Sunday of each month. Council members are encouraged to signed up individually, as families, or with groups to serve as ushers on their own.

## 7. New Business

- a) *Council Visibility* – Joel offered to contact Wayne for most recent photos of council members and to have 4x6 photos displayed on an easel when needed. Joel will also obtain pricing on identifiable name tags. A "Coffee Corner" sign up was passed around to seek volunteers to reserve a date in June or July to staff the Narthex to answer any questions and to remain visible to members. Jon and Kelly attended the first session on June 10<sup>th</sup> and shared their experiences.
- b) *CKP* – Marlo covered several topics related to St. John's relationship with CKP. It is organized under St. John's as an outreach. Marlo provided council with CKP's *Document of Understanding* which includes the purpose and programming. The memorial bench will be set near the tree in the

greenspace. Jon will landscape around the tree so that the bench is not in the way of mowing operations. Council believes it is best to not place the bench directly on the mulch due to safety concerns. As Phyllis will likely transfer out of her role in the next couple of years, job descriptions may need to be reevaluated with a succession plan in order to keep the program running smoothly.

c) *Commissions* – Jen would like to offer an all-commission meeting in the fall so that each commission is able to meet to determine roles and expectations, identify chairpersons and members, to perform regular reporting of activities, and to provide a timeline for budgeting for the following year.

### **8. God Sightings**

Several members shared God sightings they had recently witnessed.

### **9. Motion to Adjourn**

Kelly moved to adjourn. Sharyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **10. Lord's Prayer**

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Next council meeting is Tuesday, July 10, 2018 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Plan to discuss E-giving platforms.

July devotions will be led by Sharyn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Utesch