

August 2018 Council Minutes

St. John's council met on Tuesday, August 14th at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Present members included Marlo, Kim, Al, Jon, Dan, Kyle, Joel, and Kelly. Pastor John, Deacon Amanda, and Lindsay were also present. Jen and Sharyn were absent.

1. Call to Order

Marlo called the meeting to order at 7:07. There were no special guests at the meeting. There were no notes received for Council. Council recognized the volunteers who worked hard on the landscaping and would like to thank Deb Smith and all who were involved in planning, removing, and planting the beautiful landscaping.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Devotions

Jon led devotions.

4. Reports

a) *Previous meeting minutes* – There was an error in attendance that was corrected. Al moved to approve the July meeting minutes. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b) *Discuss staff and commissions reports* – Council reviewed the Media Commission's report. There is a recommendation to switch from the large projector in the Sanctuary to a large tv. The price of the tv is a fraction of what the lens for the overhead projector costs (~\$1000 versus ~\$2500). The tv would also be more energy efficient. Katie had requested a grant to help with branding/graphic design which was denied. It was not clear if it was due to timing with the grant given to the Properties Commission, but Council encourages her to reapply for the next available time period.

The Properties Commission is also continuing to update lighting to LED. Kim will work with the Properties Commission next year to ensure that the rebates are placed in the correct accounts. Mulch grant request was approved by Thrivent Choice for \$1397.25. Dan, on behalf of CKP, notified Daryl Melquist and Dave Aakre to communicate a timeline for mulch delivery, which is expected to take place on Monday, August 20th.

The Growth and Hospitality Commission is updating its responsibilities. It will retain greeters, but Lindsay will work with Worship and Music Commission to see if communion servers, ushers, and readers would be better housed under this commission.

OASIS meals will likely move out of Education Commission's responsibilities. Lindsay will work with Mission and Outreach Commission see if it would better fit under their responsibilities. Country Pleasures will be on standby meal assistance. Confirmation groups and other volunteer and fundraising groups can assist as volunteers. Lindsay is working with her husband, Terry, who will help with education on kitchen/food prep and quality control systems.

5. Financials

a) *Summary of the past month's financials* – Kim reviewed July financial reports. The July balance statement shows the checking account to be \$-10,295. Money was borrowed against a dedicated account to help with the account balance, and giving from members that week nearly offset the large payment. Kim indicated that the next large debt to manage is the line of credit, which we currently are only paying interest on, and has the highest interest rate.

Kim noted that line #96505 on the Dedicated Income and Expense statement *Food for Friends* for \$1066 is not an account of St. Johns. Kim will work with Katie to create a note in congregational communication that *Food for Friends* donations should be made payable specifically to *Food for Friends* and not to St. Johns (unless it's raised as a weekly global offering).

Kim also note that line #98030 on the Dedicated Income and Expense statement *Youth and Family College Scholarship* for \$875 is an account that is no longer utilized due to low demand. Additionally, the line is redundant since the Foundation offers scholarships should a need arise. Joel made a motion to empty and remove the account. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b) *Bucket campaign* – As of July 31, St. John's has raised \$11,000 from its members for the bucket campaign to address the leaky boiler pipe. The foundation has donated \$3,000 and the church received a Thrivent Choice grant of \$3,000 to assist with lighting upgrade as well as the boiler repair (the breakdown was not immediately known). Council stressed the need to obtain an official estimate on the boiler repair, and Kim has requested this information from the Properties Commission. Al described two possible ways to address the issue: 1) removing tiles and cutting through floor with the option to install a utility repair sleeve for future access, or 2) going through ceiling. Council would like to see estimates for both methods.

6. Old Business

a) *Call Committee Update* – Al indicated that there are candidates that the call committee is evaluating for the lead pastor position. At this point, due to confidentiality of the call process, he is unable to disclose any more details.

b) *Council Visibility* – Joel has nothing new to report.

c) *OASIS* – Amanda continues to seek adult volunteers for OASIS afterschool program. There are currently three adults besides her and Lindsay, and parents have been asked to volunteer at least one time. She needs at least two more adults to satisfy safety requirements and program needs.

d) *All-Commission Meeting* – Jen drafted and distributed a letter inviting all commissions, lay leaders, and members of other relevant programs to join in a learning session to address the needs and relationships within and between all commissions within St. John's. Primarily, the goal of the meeting is to identify primary contacts for each commission, as well as allow the commissions to interact and learn how they may better serve each other.

e) *Roundtable Discussion* – Lindsay and Pastor John met with Music and Worship specifically regarding Wednesday night worships. They have a tentative plan from September through Advent with volunteer trials. Lindsay also reminded everyone that confirmation interviews will take place the end of September. She will be polling confirmation parents to determine if it may be best to offer a separate Affirmation of Baptism service that is during a regularly scheduled service. Amanda is meeting with someone soon regarding OASIS music. Marlo wanted everyone to know that JLH is holding a special event on Tuesday, August 21st to celebrate the Food for Friends program and will

have a bounce house and other celebratory events for the community to enjoy. Dan reported that the CKP teacher/assistant roles are fulfilled.

7. New Business

a) *E-giving Platform* – Kim had little new to report except that she has the e-giving platform options narrowed down to likely two vendors. A solution will need to be reached in the next two months before offering envelopes are ordered for the congregation.

b) *St. John's Fall Fest* – Kim and Kelly shared the Education Commissions plan to host a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 15th in the St. John's parking lot from 5-7. This is an opportunity for intergenerational fellowship, with food and fun activities that will help to kick off the programming year, and is open to the community. Kelly requested that council assist by serving food to the participants.

8. God Sightings

Council and staff shared God sightings they had recently witnessed.

9. Motion to Adjourn

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

10. Lord's Prayer

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

11. Upcoming events/meetings

Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 11, 2018 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. St. Johns Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th. All-commission meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd.

September devotions will be led by Sharyn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Utesch