

St. John's Congregational Council Meeting

April 18, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Warren Althoff, Wayne Beavers, Karen Bentley, Shirley Blake, Aaron Clark, David Clark, Doug Cress, Kathy Myers, Sky Singleton, Gary, Smith, Paul Wittenberg, Pastor Seth Jersild

Members Absent: Michael Grimm, Pastor Patti Morlock

President Aaron Clark called the April Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Secretary Karen Bentley passed around a sign in sheet for attendance. Pastor Seth Jersild opened the meeting with prayer, then lead us in a time of devotions from Matthew 25:14-30. In this parable of the talents, Jesus wants us to focus on our relationship with the Master, not our fear. He is not as concerned with the amount of talents someone is given, it's what he/she does with what has been given. We were made to give, produce, and serve. And our reward is having more to do! Council members reflected about how this passage speaks to our role as stewards of the congregation's resources.

There were one additional Agenda item under Old Business (f) Accessibility Update.

Approval of the Minutes from the March meeting: Council members were reminded that every member needs to read the emailed minutes and respond to Secretary Karen Bentley with their approve of the minutes each month. Last month's minutes were approved by a majority of the Council members.

Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Seth Jersild reported that we are slowly, but surely adding and upgrading components to our sound system. The ultimate goal is that the Pastors will be able to record services with just the press of a couple of buttons. We need to put a hold on any fiber optic upgrades until we determine what will happen with the accessibility and welcome area plan. We have money to fund the upgrades, and we need to budget the monthly costs associated with these upgrades in coming years.

Pastor Seth also reported that a long range plan is being formulated to take care of the church property both inside and outside. He will meet with Shirley Blake and Karen Bentley for a walk around of the outside areas of the church to determine areas needing immediate attention.

Associate Pastor's Report: Pastor Patti Morlock was not present to report this month.

Financial Report: Treasurer Kathy Myers emailed the March Financial Statement and the Weekly Contribution Summary to Council members. She highlighted some of the maintenance projects that were completed around the church in March. She also mentioned two projects that will continue in April. Doug Cress made a motion to approve the Financial report. David Clark seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Membership Report: None

Old Business-

Technology Team Report: See Pastor Seth's report

Property Team: See Pastor Seth's report

Internship Team: This item will be moved to next month's agenda.

NALC Ohio Mission Region Annual Convocation: Karen Bentley passed out a brochure detailing the schedule for the day, a synopsis of the featured speakers, and a summary of the breakout ses-

sions being offered. Convocation will be held at Oromo Evangelical Church in Columbus on Saturday, May 7. This is an opportunity to experience Ethiopian Oromo worship first hand. All members are encouraged to attend. Register online at thenalcoho.org before April 23 for \$25. (\$35 after that and at the door).

Boy Scout Shed: Michal Grimm was not present to report this month. This item will be moved to next month's agenda.

Accessibility Update: Pastor Seth reminded us of the various teams that are currently working on this project. Pastor Don is leading the team working to secure advance gifts. They are excited to share the amount pledged to date at Sunday's Quarterly Meeting. The Construction Team is working to secure bids on the project. Ike Stage and Steve Johnston are working on the financial details of securing a construction loan and then converting that into a conventional installment loan. Mistie Clark is leading the fundraising portion of the project and Dan Czaplicki is working on branding the effort. At the April 24 Quarterly meeting these teams will have a ten minute overview presentation. There are also two informational meetings-Saturday, April 23 after the worship service and Sunday, April 24 during the Sunday school hour.

Pastor Seth introduced a Motion from Council for Quarterly Meeting re: Accessibility Project. Warren Althoff seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion passed unanimously. The motion reads:

It is moved by the Church Council that the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church approve the proposed funding plan authorizing the design and construction of the accessibility and welcoming addition.

Detail design (~\$100,000) will begin as soon as possible following congregational approval of funding plan.

Construction will begin when we have \$600,000 in hand.

This motion authorizes the church to enter into a construction loan agreement, up to \$800,000, when the \$600,000 is in hand.

Any construction loan funds not paid at completion of the project will be converted to a conventional loan.

New Business-

Audit Team: Dan Allman sent the Executive Committee a copy of the last audit for the years 2017 and 2018. Dan does not wish to continue on the team. Tony Bennett has agreed to serve on the team. We will contact Cynthia Hutson to make sure she is still willing to serve. We will need to appoint one other person to the team. We will also determine each person's term of service so that we can get back on a yearly rotation of team members as specified in the constitution.

Congregational Concerns: no items were brought before Council at this meeting.

Council Members sharing and updates: each member had an opportunity to give an update on what's going on in his/her life and state any prayer requests.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M. following The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary

ACTION ITEMS:

Review the Minutes and respond to Secretary Karen Bentley within 48 hours with approval/additions/corrections. (All Council members)

Property Team-Pastor Seth, Shirley Blake, and Karen Bentley to walk around the outside of the building to determine immediate maintenance needs.

Attend the April Quarterly meeting to support the team's presentation and vote on the motion (All Council Members)

Prayerfully consider completing and returning a pledge card to support the proposed building addition (All Council members)

Register for the Ohio Mission Region Convocation on Saturday, May 7 at thenalcoho.org (All available Council members)

Clarify the details regarding the Boy Scout shed proposal (Michael Grimm & Mike Esposito)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 P.M in Rooms 103 & 104 in the FLC.

***Let President Aaron Clark know if you are unable to attend.