

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Congregation Council Meeting – June 12th, 2017

Present: Steve Founds Linda Peterson Barb Spink
 Tammy Jacobs Stacey Peterson Mike Wetzel
 Betty Kelley Marty Phillip
 Sue Nonemaker Pr. George Schneider

Absent: Brad Davis, Sheila Saxmann,
 Neil Taylor

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
Opening Prayer and Devotions	Pastor opened with a prayer.	
Christian Hetzer, Eagle Project	Christian requested permission to fence-in the playground for his Eagle Scout Project. Fencing is necessary for YMCA's preschool to receive Federal funding for tuition aid. Dimensions, types, and estimated costs were presented. Projected start date is Spring of 2018.	Sue N. made a motion to approve overall scope of project and to designate a liaison to assist Christian with finalizing details. Marty P. seconded. Possible need for replacing playground encasement discussed. Vinyl covered chain linked fence is preferable. Mike W. agreed to be liaison and will work with Steve F. and property committee. Motion Carried. Pastor S. made a motion for property committee to look into mulch encasement replacement and bring estimated cost to finance. Sue N. seconded. Motion Carried.
Approval of Council Meeting Minutes and Correspondence	The May 8th, 2017 Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. No correspondence received.	Marty P. made a motion to accept the Council meeting minutes as written. Linda P. seconded. Motion Carried.
Pastor's Report	Pastor's report from May was reviewed.	Linda P. made a motion to accept Pastor's report as written. Tammy J. seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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Signage	Barb S. reported information received from church in Shiloh with LED sign. Things to consider with this type of signage: distance from road, angle, speed limit, size, pixels, color, and cost. Pastor S. suggested we consult with Mission Builders for guidance.	Betty K. will contact Mission Builders for information and ask representative to visit Council if feasible.
Constitutional Review	Pastor S. reviewed necessary changes to the Constitution and the process needed to enact these changes by early 2018. He explained three options to accomplish this goal as well as to update Bylaws. See attached.	Linda P. made a motion to proceed with Option 3 (see attached). Marty P. seconded. Motion Carried.

Council Retreat	Pastor will supply template of agenda at July's Council meeting. Linda P. volunteered to host retreat dinner.	No actionable items.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Technology	No report.	

NEW BUSINESS

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Synod's R3 Program	Pastor S. reviewed The R3 Program (see <i>The R3 Café</i> of Pastor's report). Goal of program is to generate discussion and "to engage all ages and generations in lifelong spiritual renewal and discipleship." Dates: September 16, 2017, December 9, 2017, March 10, 2018, May 5, 2018, & September 22, 2018. Place to be determined. Cost per congregation \$500.	Sue N. made a motion to have St. John participate in the R3 Program. Barb S. seconded. Linda P. volunteered to be Renewal Team Chairperson, Sue N., Barb S., & Tammy J. volunteered to be Renewal Team members. Sue N. volunteered to make a donation to cover registration cost. Motion Carried.
One Service Congregational Survey	Survey count verified. Of the 92 ballots that were cast, 44 (48%) were in favor of continuing the discussion and 48 (52%) were opposed to continuing the discussion regarding moving to one combined service year-round. The affirmative votes meet the 33% threshold to continue discussions. Pastor provided and reviewed one unified worship service considerations (see attached). Discussion dates will be July 9, August 13, and September 10.	Linda P. made a motion to ratify survey count as verified by four Council members. Marty P. seconded. Motion Carried.
Property Committee/Finance	Linda P. reported that the Property Committee has spent \$2,100 of their \$3,000 budgeted amount to date. Restricted funds available: Property \$4,600; Facilities \$16,000. Scout Project funds available \$622. May help with cost of playground encasement replacement.	Property Committee will make a triage list of needs and share with finance committee. Finance will review need to release money from restricted funds.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
Listening Post	9:15: Linda P.	No actionable items.
CLOSING	Next meeting: July 10th, 2017	Meeting adjourned at 9:19 following the Lord's Prayer.

Listening Post Designees:

July 2nd, 2017 9:15: Barb Spink

Frequency of Committee Reports:

Jan, July Christian Education, Social Ministry, Worship & Music, Evangelism
 Jan, April, July, Oct Mutual Ministry, Property
 Feb, May, Aug, Nov Finance
 Feb, Aug Ministry with Youth
 Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec Technology