Final

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Congregation Council Meeting – March 13, 2017

Present:	Brad Davis	Linda Peterson	Pr. George Schneider
	Steve Founds	Stacey Peterson	Barb Spink
	Tammy Jacobs	Marty Phillip	Neil Taylor
	Sue Nonemaker	Sheila Saxmann	

Absent: Betty Kelley, Mike Wetzel

TOPIC	*DISCUSSION*	*RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP*
Opening Prayer and Devotions	Pastor opened with a prayer.	
Approval of Council Meeting Minutes and Correspondence	The February 13th, 2017 Council Meeting minutes were reviewed. A note of thanks was received from the Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Company for the delicious dinner.	Barb S. made a motion to accept the Council meeting minutes as submitted. Linda P. seconded. **Motion Carried.**
Pastor's Report	Pastor's report from February was reviewed. Pastor highlighted the Reformation dinner and the planned tree planting. Also highlighted was the need for volunteers to attend the Synod Assembly June 2nd and June 3rd. Barb S. volunteered to be the female representative.	Sheila S. made a motion to accept Pastor's report as written. Marty P. seconded. **Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

TOPIC	*DISCUSSION*	*RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP*
One Service Discussions	On April 2nd, Tammy J. will be in the Nave after the early service and Neil T. will be in the HFLC after the late service to facilitate one service discussions. Hand-outs of the power point Mark F. created will be available. Points to pass on include: council is responding to members who are interested in combining services. If there is an increased interest, the discussions will continue. If there is little interest, the process will not be pursued.	Marty P. made a motion to poll the congregation at both services on May 21st; if 33% of the responses indicate an interest in moving forward to a single service, discussions will continue through the summer. Neil T. seconded. **Motion Carried.**
Signage		Pastor S. made a motion to table discussion until the April meeting. Sue N. seconded. **Motion Carried.**
Lord's Lunch By-Laws	Neil T. noted that should the Lord's Lunch continue to grow, it may need to become a stand-alone in the future. Drafted by-laws and Council's comments will be discussed at the April Council meeting. Results will be taken to the Lord's Lunch subcommittee for review.	Neil T. made a motion to maintain the Lord's Lunch under the umbrella of the church. Linda P. seconded. Discussion followed. Marty P. made an amended motion to continue to operate the Lord's Lunch under the umbrella of the church and to direct the subcommittee to provide structure by drafting operating policies. Pastor S. seconded. **Motion Carried.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOPIC	*DISCUSSION*	*RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP*
Technology		Linda P. made a motion to accept the technology report as written. Pastor S. seconded. **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

TOPIC	*DISCUSSION*	*RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP*
White Paper	Pastor S. highlighted the quarterly council meetings would mimic the current annual retreat; additional meetings could be held on an as needed basis. The Executive committee would continue to meet monthly.	Neil T. made a motion to form a sub-group of volunteers to study the White Paper with respect to the Constitutional changes and report back to the council at the annual retreat. Brad D. seconded. **Motion Carried.** Marty P., Neil T., Stacey P., and Tammy J. volunteered to be part of the sub-group.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

TOPIC	*DISCUSSION*	*RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP*
Listening Post	**8:00 A.M. Steve F.** **10:30 A.M. Betty K.**	No actionable items.
CLOSING	**Next meeting: April 10th, 2017**	Meeting adjourned at 8:27 following the Lord's Prayer.

Listening Post Designees:

April 2nd, 2017	**8:00 AM: Tammy J.**
	10:30 AM: Neil T.

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**