

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Minutes of the Congregation Council Meeting – Sep 8th, 2014

Present: Paul Francis Susan Kirkpatrick Pr. George Schneider
 Mark Ferg Linda Peterson Louise Stevens
 R. J. Myers Cathy Taylor Jeff Stoudt
 Sue Nonemaker
 Tammy Jacobs

Absent: Steve Founds, Bill Schmalzer,
 John Wachter

Additional Visiting Donna Nicholson, representing the
 ELCA's campaign, "Always
 Being Made New".

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
DEVOTIONS -	Opening Prayer	
Donna Nicholson, ELCA	Donna Nicholson was introduced to council. She explained how the "Always Being Made New" campaign works, its purpose and mission. She explained that St. John is being viewed outside of the parish as a spirit-filled and generous church. In keeping with that vision of it, the "AMBN" campaign functions to raise awareness and seek donations in two separate ways. The first is called the "silent" phase in which possible donors are sought individually. The second is through the "congregational" phase in which contributions are sought through more conventional avenues. She recommends assigning a small committee of a few members to assist with the process.	The item will be addressed under New Business.
MEETING MINUTES	The Minutes of the last month were reviewed Aug 2014.	Pastor Schneider made a motion to accept the minutes. Paul Francis seconded. Motion Carried.
CORRESPONDENCE	Correspondence was received from Lutheran World Relief thanking us for a donation of \$100.	
PASTOR'S REPORT	The Pastor's Report was reviewed.	Louise Stevens made a motion to accept the pastor's report as written. Susan K seconded. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

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OLD BUSINESS – Baptismal Statement Affirmation of Baptism Statement	The revised statements were reviewed. The Statement on Holy Baptism was revised only to the effect of changing the words Infants (8 th line) and second last paragraph to children. The Statement on Affirmation of Baptism was revised only to change the word that to (the) in the 9 th sentence.	Louise Stevens made a motion to accept the revised statement on Holy Baptism. Jeff S. seconded. Motion Carried. Louise Stevens made a motion to accept the revised statement on the Affirmation of Baptism. Linda P. seconded. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Ministry With Youth Worship and Music	Reports of the Committees were reviewed and discussed.	Louise Stevens made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Sue N seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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Warehoused Pews	Recently, the necessity for a decision for the removal of pews stored at a former parishioners warehouse/garage were brought to the attention of a council member. Discussion was held as to what how to best assess their condition and their removal.	Pastor Schneider recommended to move the task to the property committee with the disposition of the warehoused pews. Sue N seconded. Motion Carried.
Always Being Made New	After reviewing the options for the church, the results ending in proposing a motion.	Pastor Schneider made a motion to task the Stewardship and Finance Committee with creating an ad hoc committee in handling the ABMN. Sue N seconded. The motion was amended “with the instruction that the will of council be that no names or giving patterns will be disclosed. Mark F. amended. Motion Carried
Council Directory	At issue is the privacy of council members. In the interest of this concern, council took made the following motion.	Sue Nonemaker made a motion that the council directory as posted in the Narthex of the church can be posted on the Church’s website. Paul F seconded. Motion Carried.

Listening Post	July 9:30 AM: No actionable items	Reported by Linda Peterson
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GOOD OF THE ORDER

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
Listening Post	21 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 8:00 a.m. – Sue Nonemaker o 10:30 a.m. – Paul Francis 	
CLOSING	Next meeting: October 13 th , 2014	Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship/Finance
Feb, May, Aug, Nov	Christian Education, Property, Staff Support
Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec	Worship & Music, Ministry with Youth