

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Minutes of the Congregation Council Meeting – February 10, 2014

**Present:** Paul Francis Susan Kirkpatrick Bill Schmalzer  
Mark Ferg Sue Nonemaker Louise Stevens  
Steve Founds Linda Peterson Jeff Stoudt  
Tammy Jacobs Pr. George Schneider John Wachter  
Cathy Taylor

**Absent:** none

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
<b>Ellen Beechey – Girl Scout Project</b>	Ellen produced documentation outlining her Girl Scout Silver Award. She sought approval from Council to move forward with her idea.	Sue Nonemaker moved to approve, Susan Kirkpatrick seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>Pastor’s Discussion – Faith Forming Faith, Pr Paul Hoffman</b>	Pastor George led the council through a discussion of the introduction of the book. Among other things he stated that we are set up to receive trained Lutherans, however we are less likely to be trained in disciplining.	Council members are encouraged to read Chapters 2, 3 4 for next month’s meeting
<b>APPROVAL OF JANUARY COUNCIL MINUTES</b>	The Council minutes of January 13 <sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Louise moved to approve with the following corrections: under New Business correct –present to present	Louise moved to approve as amended. Sue K seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING</b>	The Congregational Meeting Minutes from the Annual Congregation Meeting were reviewed. Louise moved to approve with the following corrections: under New Business, move to strike “Marie Hoshall Family Life Center” to “Hoshall Family Life Center”. Include after { No=6}”; 2 Invalid”.	Louise moved to approve as amended. Tammy J. seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	A letter from LTSG was received and circulated recognizing donation made to the Seminary Fund.	
<b>PASTOR’S REPORT</b>	The Pastor’s report was reviewed. Pastor directed the attention of council to the upcoming Synod Assembly in June, and a review of the Membership Roster (under New Business).	Louise moved to approve. Tammy J. seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>

**OLD BUSINESS**

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<b>RECAP OF CHURCH CONFERENCE</b>	Paul F. mentioned that the conference ended in a lively discussion by attendees from STLCH. Louise and others noted that attendees from surrounding churches learned much from us and us from them. Pastor noted that the Southern York Conference of the LSS is poised to move forward in ministry similar to the Lutheran churches organized as PLUM of related ELCA churches surrounding Pittsburgh.	For more information about the PLUM cooperative ministry visit: <a href="http://plumofpa.com/ChurchPicEastLiberty.htm">http://plumofpa.com/ChurchPicEastLiberty.htm</a> (Obtained Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2014)
<b>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</b>	The Nominating Committee of Martin Philip, Bill Jacobs, and Bev Andreychek was thanked for their dedication and hard work.	Louise made a motion to dismiss the Committee. Tammy J. seconded. <b>Motion Carried.</b>

<b>CONTINUING RESOLUTION</b>	The Continuing Resolution “2” was reviewed. Corrections were made to the Resolution. The DRAFT copy was handed to the Recording Secretary for corrections.	Louise made a motion to table the Continuing Resolution (2) until after changes were made and distributed. Linda P seconded. <b>Motion Carried. Follow up:</b> Jeff to retype and distribute.
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### COMMITTEE REPORTS

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
<b>Christian Education Property Staff Support</b>	Copies of the Committee reports were circulated and reviewed.	Pr. George made a motion to accept the reports as received. Louise seconded. <b>Motion Carried.</b>

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<b>NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION</b>	Sue Nonemaker and John Wachter were recognized and thanked by all for their volunteering and sponsorship.	
<b>COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT</b>	Louise took the initiative to post a listing of current standing committees and assignment of liaisons for each was discussed. They are: Property – Steve F; Stewardship and Finance – Mark F; Christian Ed – Tammy J; Youth and Family Ministry – Linda P; Spirituality and Health – Susan K; Mutual Ministry – Bill S; Evangelism – Sue N; Worship and Music – Pr. George; Fellowship – Susan K; Social Ministry – Cathy T; Pre-School – Larry O’Brien/Louise S; and, Technology – John W.	
<b>REVIEW OF THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER</b>	A review of the Membership Roster occurred.	Louise moved to approve. Tammy J. seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>SYNOD ADDEMBLY VOTING MEMBERS</b>	Pastor led a discussion of the upcoming Synod Assembly to be held at Messiah College on June 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> . Two voting members from each congregation, one female and one male, are suggested.	Paul F. volunteered to serve as a delegate.
<b>MARIE HOSHALL – SEEDING THR FUTURE BEQUEST</b>	Pastor contacted Michael Youse (Lutheran Camping Organization Executive Director) concerning a possible bequest by members of the Marie Hoshall committee to provide a memorandum in honor of Marie Hoshall. Several ideas were forwarded. Upper Camp Farm Field; Near Brenneman Lodge; and, Lower Camp at Grove Lodge pavilion. Votes (3) Upper Camp, (0) Near Brenneman lodge, Lower Camp Grove Lodge pavilion (4).	Pastor to contact Mike Youse with decision. Sometime in the future coordinate a formal announcement of the event during a church service.

<b>STORM DAMAGE</b>	As a result of many tree limbs and other debris on the church grounds, Pastor entertained a motion.	Pr. George made a motion to authorize the property committee to do what is necessary to bring the property to specifications. During discussion motion to amend: Commissioning the property committee to remedy the storm damage and contact the appropriate insurance company as needed. Bill S. seconded. <b>Motion Carried.</b>
<b>Listening Post</b>	<b>January 1, 2014</b> <b>8:00 AM:</b> Bill S. – no comments <b>10:30 AM:</b> Louise S.	10:30 A.M. Louise received five comments. No action was taken by the congregational council.

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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i>
<b>Listening Post</b>	<b>February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014</b>	<b>8:00 AM:</b> Tammy <b>10:30 AM:</b> Linda P.
<b>CLOSING</b>	<b>Next meeting: March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.</b>	Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

**Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct**  
**Feb, May, Aug, Nov**  
**Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec**

Evangelism, Social Ministry, Stewardship/Finance  
Christian Education, Property, Staff Support  
Preschool, Worship & Music, Ministry with Youth