

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2021

Members Present: Justin Arndt, John Ornes, April Arndt, Arlis Ballwahn, Steve Brandau, Sr., Angie Gruen

Members Absent: Lori Brueggen, Joel Arndt, Jerry Von Haden

Also Present: Pastor Morris, Nalani Bever

Called to order at 11:15 am by Council President Justin Arndt.

Motion by Ballwahn, second by Gruen to approve the October 17, 2021, council minutes.

Motion Carried (MC)

Motion by Ballwahn, second by April Arndt to approve the October Financial Report and pay the November bills. MC

### Pastor's Report:

- Eight persons attended the first "Manna and Mercy" Bible Study Session.
- Three children participated in the First Communion Classes. They will have their first communion on Dec. 5.
- The Thanksgiving Eve Service is being planned and coordinated by our Confirmation students. We will be having an ecumenical service with the United Methodist churches in Norwalk. Pastor Fran will be preaching this year. Masks will be provided.
- First Call Theological was held at Luther Park Bible Camp. We gathered with the Northwest Wisconsin Synod, so there were 13 First Call Pastors present.
- Bishop Felix Malpica is preparing a video sermon for use, as desired, on Sunday Dec. 26.

### Committee Reports:

- Education: There will be no Sunday School program on Christmas Eve.
- Financial: We have received the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of the bequest from Nola Garey of \$100,000. The Executive Committee will meet with the Finance Committee to discuss investment of the funds. There was discussion of appropriate acknowledgement of the gift.
- Property: (1) Steve has replaced the screens in the South Tower.  
(2) The railing on the front steps has been painted.  
(3) Steve has concerns about the carillon speakers on the louvers.  
(4) The plexiglass on the large front window is badly cracked. Steve will contact the contractor.  
(5) The Water Heater is not working. Since it is more than 20 years old, replacement may be needed.  
(6) Bill Seekamp has been employed to do snow removal for the season.
- Social Ministry: April is coordinating with Louise Buchholz in sending greeting cards to members. She has no response to calls for a Blood Drive Coordinator.
- Worship: No report.

### Old Business:

- Organ Nalani has found an organ in Mineral Point for \$3,000 that will be available after Christmas.
- Stairs No additional information to report at this time.
- Nola Garey gift Discussed earlier in the Meeting
- Permanent Tree No outside tree this year.
- Carillon The unit has been installed and is being programmed to play.

### New Business:

Pastor will not be here on December 26. John suggested having a service of Carols and Readings using the Bishop's message for the sermon.

The Annual Meeting was set for January 30 with the Executive Committee meeting in December and the next regular Council Meeting being held on January 16.

There being no further business, motion by Ornes, second by Gruen to adjourn following the Lord's Prayer. MC  
Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary

Dec. 19, 2021

Bria Gruen's family has requested she be confirmed on January 9, 2022. An e-mail was sent to all Council members with the information. On December 21, Angie Gruen made the motion that confirmation be held on January 9, 2022 for Bria Gruen. The motion was seconded by April Arndt. Motion carried by e-mail vote of a majority Council members.

Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary