

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2021

Church Council present: April Arndt, Joel Arndt, Justin Arndt, Arlis Ballwahn, Steve Brandau, Lori Brueggen, John Ornes, Jerry Von Haden, also Nalani Bever and Pastor Morris Absent: Angie Gruen

Called to order at 10:00 am by Council President, Justin Arndt.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Morris

Council meeting minutes of April 25, 2021: Motion to approve by Lori Brueggen; 2nd John Ornes. MC

Financial: Explanation of current Church finances by Nalani Bever. Motion to approve the May Financial Report and pay the June Bills; Joel Arndt, 2nd Lori Brueggen. MC

Pastor's Report: This summer, we will have a Family Vacation Bible School in cooperation with Peace Lutheran Church in Tomah. It will be held Sunday, July 25-Wednesday, July 28. The theme is water. We will be using the "River of Life" curriculum from ELCA World Hunger. Adults and youth will participate in a Bible study, while the children participate in storytime, crafts and games. We will meet from 5:30-8:00 p.m. There will be a meal each day (potluck on Sunday). Volunteers are needed to help with VBS sessions and meals. Greg Bever and Pr. Dawn Lindberg will be contacting volunteers (or volunteers may contact them to offer their assistance). On Sunday, if the shelter at the park in Wilton is available, we will meet there to possibly hear a message from missionaries/support team members who served in Papua New Guinea. (Note: Pastor reported that we would have a combined worship service with Peace Lutheran on Sunday, but that has not been confirmed.)

* The recent "All Member Visit" identified a need for more Bible study opportunities at St. Paul's. With this in mind, in September, we will begin a Bible study entitled, "Manna and Mercy," by Daniel Erlander. The study will be open to high school students and adults. We will meet monthly, after church, for discussion. St. Paul's will purchase copies of "Manna and Mercy," that may be borrowed for this Bible study, or whenever parishioners may wish to use them. The copies will be purchased with the memorial gift monies given for Susan Ristow Zewiske. Participants may purchase their own copy of the book, if they wish.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT

John reported the election of new Bishop Felix Malpica. There was a resolution passed that the Synod raise \$200,000 a year for the next 3 years (2022, 23 and 24) for World Hunger.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Education Committee: Angie Gruen

Financial Committee: Jerry Von Haden (Lori Brueggen, Kirsten Arndt)

Property Committee: Steve Brandau

Social Ministry Committee: April Arndt

Worship Committee: Joel Arndt

OLD BUSINESS

Organ Repair: There is progress. Six pipes have been repaired and replaced with 3 additional soon to be installed.

Permanent Tree: Pending; Nalani Bever will be meeting with Bud Osteboe to look at a tree on his property. Nalani is also researching elsewhere.

Stairs: Steve and Joel are still investigating possibilities and will try to get estimates.

Inside services: There was no further decision, but returning to use of hymnals was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

An initial gift of \$100,000 has been received from the Nola Garey Estate. It has been temporarily invested with Edward Jones. It is expected the remainder will be distributed by the end of the year.

Nalani noted that Larry Ballwahn is in contact with an individual who would make an approximate \$10,000 donation toward a new carillon. Further information in the future.

There will be another Chicken Dinner offered in October.

St. Paul's will not be offering sundaes at Wilton Fest, but will donate unused supplies to the Brookwood PTO, who will be offering an ice cream concession. There will likely be an Ecumenical Service in the Park on August 1, but will not be led by St. Paul's.

Next Meeting – Tentatively scheduled for July 18.

Motion to adjourn by Lori, 2nd by Jerry followed by The Lord's Prayer at 11:15 am

Respectfully Submitted; Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary