

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2022

Members Present: April Arndt, Joel Arndt, Justin Arndt, Arlis Ballwahn, Angie Gruen, John Ornes, Jerry Von Haden

Members Absent: Lori Brueggen, Vacant

Also Present: Pastor Morris, Nalani Bever

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

Motion by Joel Arndt, 2nd by Angie Gruen to approve the January 16, 2022, council minutes.

Motion Carried (MC)

After an exception by Joel Arndt to have the organ expenses reimbursed to Nalani Bever, there was a motion by Jerry Von Haden, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlis Ballwahn to accept the report and expenses to be reimbursed. MC Motion by Joel Arndt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ornes to pay February bills as presented. MC

### Pastor's Report:

- Next weekend, I will be on vacation, so Justin will be leading worship. I will be participating on Monday, February 21, in the 2022 Winter/Spring Theological Conference of the La Crosse Area Synod via Zoom. The morning presenter will be Bishop Felix Malpica, and the afternoon presenter is Dr. Betsy Stone.
- Our Adult Bible Study has been "on hold". We will resume at the end of March.
- Pr. Dione Stepanek, the new DEM and Asst. to the Bishop for the La Crosse Area Synod, will be providing a video sermon for "Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday" (February 27).
- Ash Wednesday is March 2. Midweek Lenten Services will begin on March 9. I would propose that these services begin at 7 p.m. The pastors, and some lay persons, from the East Conference will be participating in a Round Robin for the Wednesday evening Lenten Services.
- Palm Sunday is April 10, Maundy Thursday is April 14, Good Friday is April 15, and Easter Sunday is April 17. The Council will want to discuss worship plans for Holy Week and Easter.
- We are looking for mentors for a few of our confirmation students. If you are interested in helping a student to grow in their faith by being a mentor, please let me know. Sessions are once-per-week in-person, via telephone or via Skype.

### Committee Reports:

- Education: No report
- Financial: See Garey gift below.
- Property: Joel Arndt has been appointed head of Property Committee to replace Steve Brandau. Nalani inquired about having someone program the thermostat for better heating management. Approval to contact Bart Arndt to do so.
- Social Ministry: April will be meeting with her Committee on March 6 to prepare cards to send to Congregation members. She also asked for guidance on obtaining a license for holding a monthly movie night. Motion by John Ornes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Gruen to investigate pricing up to \$200. MC
- Worship: April Arndt was appointed interim Committee Head.

### Old Business:

- Organ: The organ cabinet is the only item still to be moved from Mineral Point. Help will be needed to clean remaining items from the pipe alcove and then move the replacements upstairs. Nalani Bever will solicit help when it is needed. She will also be preparing a contract for Fred requiring at least four- hour days and at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 to install the organ. Justin will be composing a letter to the Congregation updating the Organ situation.
- Stairs: Justin will be meeting with a contractor and an architect on Monday, February 14 for further action on the project.

- Nola Garey gift: Jerry reported that he has been advised caution on more investment for now, given the current market situation. The informal consensus was to leave the funds as is for now and get more information from Edward Jones, Thrivent and perhaps the ELCA Mission Fund.
- The permanent tree is on hold until plans for the front of the church are complete.

New Business:

Since there was no nomination for the Council position, it will remain unfilled for now. John Ornes suggested we might approach a younger member, suggesting Ayawyn Conner.

Nalani requested approval of the chicken dinner on April 24 as a fund raiser for the Cemetery. Motion by John Ornes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlis Ballwahn to advertise the chicken dinner as a fund raiser for the Operating Budget of the Cemetery.

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Meeting will be on March 13.

There being no further business, motion by Joel Arndt, second by Angie Gruen to adjourn following the Lord's Prayer.

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Arlis Ballwahn, Secretary