**St. John Lutheran Church, Waseca Church Council Meeting—May 14, 2024**

**President**— Mike Behsmann; **Vice President**—Terry Huber; **Secretary**— Julie Spies; **Financial Secretary**—Al Tonn; **Commission of Worship and Music**—Pam Grunzke; **Commission of Education**—

Karla Lange; (Absent) **Commission of Social Ministry and Outreach**—Rhonda Behsmann; **Commission of Buildings and Grounds**—Kyle Gallagher; **Commission of Congregational Life**—Diane Blowers; **Member at Large**—Kim Elias.

1.) **Call to Order:** Mike Behsmann. called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

**2**.) **Opening Devotion** – Pastor Kristen Venne – Matthew 13, 1-9 Listen, go out and sow.

 Love/grace/share to anyone with ears to hear. Prayer.

**3**.) V**isitors:** None

**4.) Roll call** (Quorum = 4 voting members needed to vote on motions) we have a Quorum. Everyone in

 attendance.

**5.) Announcements: None**

**6.)** The Board broke up in to two groups for a walk through the entire Church/Education building to

 record/document any/all issues that may need attention and/or repair. Report on that to follow.

**7.**) **Regular Business:**

**a. Secretary’s Report:** Minutes had two small corrections. Terry H, made a motion to approve,

 Karla L. 2nd.

**b.** **Financial Report:** Al Tonn – Financial report is attached. Due to a large donation, he put $70.970 in a

 CD. (7 month) Motion by Mike B, Kyle G 2nd. Nothing else significant.

**c. Commission of Buildings and Grounds:** Kyle Gallagher – He initiated the church “walk-through”.

 More to come.

**d. Commission on Congregational Life:** Diane Blowers – Pine Ridge trip later this month. Blankets, food

 and supplies to be sent along.

**e.**  **Education Committee:** Karla Lange **–** Sunday School this week.She’s trying to organize a Vacation

 Bible School. VBS (Including another church or not?) More to come.

**f. Commission of Worship and Music:** Pam Grunzke – Discussed” Facebook Live”. Will try one more

 week. There are concerns about why it’s not working AND troubleshooting. It will be on going until we

 can get it working or another avenue is found. If anyone has “an expert” - send them our way. Noone

 has been found to clean the cushions in the pews. Ideas?

**g.** **Commission on Social Ministry and Outreach:** Rhonda Behsmann – Still researching possible

 company/photographers for a new Church Directory. No one is responding.

**h. At Large:** Kim Elias – No report

**Pastors Report: Pastor Kristen Venne – Pastoral acts:** Janet Priebe funeral, Colony Court visit, Lakeshore visit, Foxdale visit, Faith Leap and added 3 students to Confirmation. Well, being brainstorming ideas for Education Building. Also, the Transition Team is up and running. Report to all July/August.

**8.** **Other Business:**

**a.** Status of church seat cushion cleaning:Noone to clean yet.

**b.** Status of “Church on the Farm” Sunday: May 19th - Service is all planned out.

 Communion will be served. Men in Mission to provide a meal. Snow cone truck will be there.

 Pray it’s a nice morning,

**c.** Video recording of the “Church on the Farm” service – Pam G.

 Kyle G. to possibly take photos via Drone.

d. Printer Status – Mike B. – All is installed and working.

**e.** Status of new lighting for the choir: Ready to install – Church may need to be in Trinity Hall for a

 couple weeks as the work progresses. (Tear out old, getting people coordinated and clean up.)

**f.**  Continued Discussion of options for a new church directory.

g. More discussion of setting up a forum for possible use of some of the Parsonage sale monies.

h. There should be a document/form/policy put together for recording of funerals, weddings, baptisms,

 etc. Including things like: what the church provides/does, what the Funeral director(s) do etc.

 Pam G to look in to.

i. It has been requested that we look in to upgrading an entrance to provide a ramp to get a casket in

 and out of our church more efficiently. It’s very difficult to get a casket up/downstairs.

j. Pastor Venne: One license is showing some reports as not completed. Please check status.

Additional discussion/motion before adjourning:

1. Ann Ruedy – requested that the “Quilters Checkbook” be changed. Jean Miller would like to resign from being the “keeper” and it is requested that Al Tonn take over. Request granted.
2. We suggest that the ushers give couples only one bulletin per couple in an effort to cut back on waste and spending. We will be trying to go paperless in the future – using the video equipment and screens to save costs. A few copies of the Scripture will be available in the back. Motion Kylle G, 2nd Pam G.

**Other Old Business:**

Next meeting is June 11, 2024. 6:00PM Commissions, 6:30PM Council

a. Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Closed with The Lord’s Prayer lead by Pastor Kristin Venne.

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Spies, Council Secretary