

## **CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES**

Date: 5/20/22

The May Congregation Council Meeting was held on 5/18/2022

**Council Members Present:** Pastor Bannister, Denise Betz, Harry Betz, Ashdon Bobbie, Melanie Boyer, Carole DePue, Lisa Fritz, Linda Morrison, Bob Muller, Shannon O'Neill, Bruce Roper, Trish Strauss, and Maryanne Sweeney

**Absent:** Christine Casey, CJ Hamilton

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Betz at 7:03 p.m. The scripture was read by Linda Morrison and the prayer was offered by Ashdon Bobbie

### **PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

None

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

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\*The minutes from April were approved without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Trish Strauss / Ashdon Bobbie **MOTION CARRIED**

### **REPORTS:**

President, Harry Betz –Attached

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Finance Committee – Attached

A motion was made that we pay \$1,000 to Grace Lutheran and \$1,000 to Meals on Wheels for our semi-annual distribution of benevolence funds.

\*It was moved and seconded Finance Committee / Linda Morrison **MOTION CARRIED**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Three Year Plan – Bob Muller distributed the list of suggested projects which had been generated last month to Council members for them to prioritize projects/suggestions so that we can generate a consensus of what suggestions should be tackled first.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Covid Update – Harry Betz reviewed our recent policy that we would go back to requiring masks if Montgomery County were to go to Yellow. Communion options were discussed, and it was agreed that we would continue distributing the elements as we have been up at the rail (with social distancing suggested) and also reiterate that the prepackaged elements are also available should anyone prefer.

Volunteering – Harry Betz brought up the topic that stewardship is more than giving monetarily, but also time and talent and that we need to encourage others in the congregation to step up to help make a difference to the church.

Vanguard offers skills-based volunteering, so Harry is asking them for web designers to develop St John's web site.

Calendar – the upcoming June and July calendars were reviewed.

Review of Bucks-Mont Meeting – Bruce Roper and Harry Betz gave a brief summary of their experiences at the Bucks-Mont Meeting held 5/12/22 at Advent Lutheran in Richboro.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Constitution and Bylaws – No report
- Christian Education – See report
- Fellowship – No report
- Food Pantry Report - See report
- Memorials – No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Property – See report
- Social Media – No report
- Social Ministry – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Women's Ministry – No report
- Worship & Music – See report

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The County Corraliers submitted a request for the use of Fellowship Hall on Mondays from 7:00 p.m to 9:45 pm beginning September 12th thru December 19th (with use of the piano) to rehearse for their winter concert.

Council agreed.

The County Corraliers submitted a request to hold a concert in the sanctuary on Sunday December 11th from 3:15-5:30, with a second choice date of Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed that Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> would be the preferred date and to allow the concert on that date.

**CARES AND CONCERNS:**

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

**NEXT MEETING:** **Date:** Wednesday June 22, 2022

Scripture: Pastor Bo

Prayer: Trish Strauss

Refreshments: Denise Betz

\*It was moved and seconded by Carole / Denise to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper