

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 11/25/22

The November Congregation Council Meeting was held on 11/16/22

Council Members Present: Pastor Bannister, Denise Betz, Harry Betz, Melanie Boyer, Christine Casey, Carole DePue, Lisa Fritz, CJ Hamilton, Linda Morrison, Shannon O'Neill, Bruce Roper, Trish Strauss, and Maryanne Sweeney

Absent: Ashdon Bobbie, Bob Muller

The meeting was called to order by President Harry Betz at 7:00 p.m. The scripture was read by Shannon O'Neill and the prayer was offered by Lisa Fritz.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Date: 10/19/22

*The minutes from October were approved without changes. The motion was made and seconded by Melanie Boyer / Denise Betz. **MOTION CARRIED**

REPORTS:

President, Harry Betz –Attached

Pastor Bannister – Attached

Attendance – Attached

Finance Committee – Attached

*It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report and the Financial Secretary's report as presented by CJ Hamilton / Trish Strauss. **MOTION CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Council Members for 2023 – the following parishioners have verbally accepted an invitation to join Council next year: Alan Divver, Barbara Quinn, Jen Shaw, and Barb Sheppard

- Vision and Mission Statements for St John's – Pastor Bo read his current draft for vision and mission statements and Council members discussed what we would like our vision and mission statements to convey. Council members are to come to December's meeting prepared to further discuss and then formulate our vision and mission statements.

Current statements are:

Mission Statement – “Based on God's word and centered in Christ, St. John's Congregation shall provide a nurturing, compassionate, challenging and diverse community where the Gospel is openly and faithfully proclaimed in worship, ministry, and daily life.”

Vision Statement – “To provide a spiritual setting that celebrates and deepens our relationship with God. To share with the community the means to grow in a spirit of joy, hope, love, fellowship, service and forgiveness centered in Christ.”

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lower Bucks-Mont Synod Conference follow-up – Harry, Pastor and Bruce attended the Lower Bucks-Mont Synod Conference held at Advent Lutheran in Richboro and each gave a brief summary of their experience and workshops they each attended. Harry attended the Art of Better Reaching workshop, Bruce attended the Congregational Vitality in the Post-Pandemic Church workshop, and Pastor Bo lead the Discernment Together workshop.
- A motion was made for St John's to make a \$200 donation to the Lower Bucks-Mont Synod to help defray the cost of the meals and facility for holding their workshops.

*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / CJ Hamilton. **MOTION CARRIED**

- Annual Meeting – Council discussed the timing and decided to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 26th at 11:30 a.m.

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:

None

CARES AND CONCERNS:

Pastor Bo and council members shared their cares and concerns.

NEXT MEETING: Date: 12/21/22

Scripture: Chris Casey

Prayer: Carole DePue

Refreshments: Shannon O'Neill

*It was moved and seconded by Harry Betz / Bruce Roper to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Roper