

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
March 8, 2022**

**\*\* Meeting started with Zoom etiquette\*\***

**Opening Prayer:** by Steve Sloat

- Beth Ellen Walters will give April's opening prayer.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** On file.

**Motion to approve the agenda: Steve Sloat**

**Seconded: Judd Fodness**

**Approved**

**Minutes of Prior Meeting:** On file.

**Motion to approve Prior Meeting Minutes: Steve Sloat**

**Seconded: Bill Arbogast**

**Approved**

**Current Business:**

**Children's Garden:** On File

- Financials: discussed differences in the reports due to a new system.
- Grant update: On file

**Financial Reports** On File

**\*Beginning balance was adjusted to reflect change in memorial and beginning balance due to change in how new music equipment was charged.**

Beginning balance – \$135,216.57

Ending balance -\$ 135,465.49

**Motion to approve Financial Report with amendments: Julie Crespo**

**Seconded: John Stoner**

**Approved**

**Lead Pastor's Report:** On File

- VBS will be in person this year. July 11-15, 2022

**Associate Pastor's Report:** On File

- Working on the ELCA three-day event and next year's Winter Fest.

**Other reports and petitions**

- Grass cutting season is upon us. New contract will be finalized.

**Staff Reports:**

- **Youth Director Reports:** On file

### **Old Business:**

- **Covid precautions: CDC recommendations, masks are recommended but not required. Communion will start back up with intinction. We will still do every other pew at least until after Easter. Not starting up the peace or passing the offering plate. Masks are recommended but not required for all church activities.**
- **Audit:** Clarification on audit minutes.
  - School:
    - **Internal audit** every year – YEAR 1 (audit is of most recent year)
    - **External Audit:** done every other year- YEAR 2 with an external company (audit is of the most recent year)
  - Church:
    - **Internal Audit:** May be done on year 1 and 2
    - **External Audit:** Must be done on every 3<sup>rd</sup> year (using most recent fiscal year).

**Motion by Judd Fodness for external audit every two years of the Childrens Garden most current fiscal year records. Internal audit may be done on off years by church members**

**Second: Beth Ellen Walters**

**Approved**

**Motion by Judd Fodness for external audit every three years of St. John's most current fiscal year records. Internal audit may be done on off years.**

**Second: Steve Sloat**

**Approved**

### **New Business:**

- Shiremanstown Fire Department- Annual appeal for donations. Typical year we send \$200.00.  
**Motion to send a \$250 donation to the fire department for year 2022 by Pastor Sarah**  
**Second: Beth Ellen Walters**  
**Approved**
- Race for Racism: appeal to council for as many council members as possible to participate
- Council Retreat: Separate from council meeting. Add as old business for a more serious discussion
- Parsonage HVAC system is old but working. Duct work was cleaned, and we now have a maintenance agreement. Trees: having them looked at
- Synod Assembly: virtual event. Need representatives from St. John's. June 4<sup>th</sup> one Male and one Female representative.
- HB McClure: to give a quote on fixing the heat

### **Motion to Adjourn.**

**Motion: Steve Sloat**

**Seconded: John Stoner**

**Approved**

Pastor Sarah closed the meeting with a blessing.

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Council Attendees: Steve Sloat, Cindy Williamson, Bill Arbogast, Beth Ellen Walters, Julie Crespo, Pastor Elizabeth, Pastor Sarah, , John Stoner, Sue Lassi, Judd Fodness

Council Excused: Mary Young

Elder Attendee: Gary Gardner

Non-Council Attendee: Terry Smith, Tracy Baxter and Crissy Switzer

Non-Council Excused:

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Kendall, Recording Secretary