

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

August 8, 2023

6:30pm – 9 pm

(In Person)

Opening Prayer: Pastor Sarah

Agenda:

Motion to amend the agenda to include a report from the Minister of Music between item #2 and #3: Sue Lassi

Seconded: Julie Crespo

Approved

Minutes of Prior Meeting: On file.

Motion to approve Prior Meeting Minutes: Gary Gardner

Seconded: Beth Ellen Walters

Approved

Minister of Music:

† **Here to discuss the two pianos in the church. Would like to replace both Pianos.**

- **Have a proposal from Menchey Music for a Yamaha Piano to be placed in the loft. The cost would be \$7,995.20 including delivery and a humidity control system. Comes with a 10-year warranty.**
- **Second is a used. 5'10' grand piano. To be placed down on the floor on the pulpit side. After renovations to be placed where the organ is. \$7,995.00 from Steve's discount pianos. That includes delivery and set up. Has a 2-year warranty.**

Motion to accept the proposals for the two new pianos and to use funds (15,925.20) from the memorial fund: Mary Young

Seconded: Cindy Williamson

Approved

Current Business:

Children's Garden: On File.

Budget for 2023/2024

- **Motion was made to approve TCG 2023-2024 budget as printed: Jill Busch**
 - **Seconded by Gary Gardner**
 - **Approved**

Financial Reports On File

Beginning balance - \$ 16,691.08

Ending balance -\$ 15,377.51

Motion to approve the Financial Managers Report: Gary Gardner

Seconded: Bill Arbogast

Approved

Budget: On file

Motion to approve budget and to send to the annual meeting as printed: Gary Gardner

Seconded: Cindy Williamson

Approved

Motion to amend the cemetery budget to carry the 3% salary increase to the Cemetery manager and to the FICA line. \$9930 and \$760 and to increase the trustees' funds to \$30,000. Budget to be sent to the annual meeting as printed once it is amended: Gary Gardner

Seconded: Cindy Williamson

Approved

Motion to approve amended budget: Gary Gardner

Second Jill Busch

Approved

Lead Pastor's Report: On File

Associate Pastor's Report: On File

Staff Reports:

- Youth Director Reports: On file
- Cemetery Report: On File
- Renovation Committee – looking for a contractor and then go to the congregation for a vote.

Other Reports or Petitions:

Old Business:

Constitution / By-Laws Study Committee – revisions have been completed.

Research Committee of unmarked graves -Judd and Julie talked to two people. We do not have any Eagle scouts available to do this project.

New Business:

Camp Scholarship – Church currently gives \$100 per kid for a whole week and \$75 for a half week of church camp. Asking to up the amount to \$150 for a full week and \$100 for part time. After some discussion a motion was made -

- † **Motion to increase the church contributions to \$250 per full week and \$150 per half week which equal 50% of the tuition: Judd Fodness**
- † **Seconded: Mary Young**
- † **Approved**

Proposal for opening a fundraising account

- † **Motion to approve opening a fundraising account: Pastor Elizabeth**
- † **Second Julie Williamson**
- † **Approved**

September Council Opening Prayer person Beth Ellen Walters.

September Council meeting is on zoom

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion was made to adjourn: Gary Gardner
Seconded: Cindy Williamson
Approved

Pastor Elizabeth closed the meeting with a prayer

Council Attendees: Bill Arbogast, Cindy Williamson, Mary Young (zoom), Pastor Elizabeth (zoom)
Sue Lassi, Pastor Sarah Keilholtz, Julie Crespo, Jill Busch, Judd Fodness, Beth Ellen Walters, and John
Stoner (zoom)

Council excused:

Elder Attendee: Gary Gardner

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

Non-Council Excused:

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Kendall, Recording Secretary