

St John's Council Meeting January 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Gwyn at 6:07 p.m.. The opening prayer was given by Pastor Charles Stark.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. There was one correction as to the funds for the soda machine. Steve Miller stated that the funds were in the Kitchen Fund and will be transferred to the Youth Account since they will now be taking care of the soda machine. Motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Steve Miller and seconded by Jerry Guelker. Motion carried.

Minutes of Special Meeting on December 9th. Statement using politically correct in minutes, Pastor Stark stated should be changed to saying corrections were made to be more inclusive. Motion to amend the minutes was made by Ina Eckert and seconded by Clyde Englebrecht. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Ken Gwyn presented a form changing the columns in the Treasurer's Report that Ann Pape approved to be shown in the Annual Report. It is easier to understand and will only show Revenues and Expenditures 2017 with a comparison to the 2017 budget .

Larry Winkleman stated that the investments at Burton Bank are the same as last time. Thrivent has \$1,821.25 in the Money Market account and \$60,737.49 in the Fixed Accounts with a total of \$62,558.74. Memorial Fund has a balance of \$19,730.09.

Investment Committee Report Clyde Englebrecht stated they have not met since the last council meeting. He presented written plans that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Motion was made by Steve Miller to accept the plans of the Investment Committee and seconded by Darrell Kieke. Motion carried.

Cemetery Committee/Care Larry Pape reported all was good.

Memorial Fund Report Pastor Stark presented a report of receipts and disbursements. Two candle lighters and a stand were ordered. After some discussion it was decided not to order the stand. The current stand was made by a member of the church. Motion was made by Carlene Klaus to send the stand back and was seconded by Larry Pape. Motion carried. However, later in the meeting it was pointed out that the stand was to be used in the hallway instead of hanging the candle lighters from the coat rack, previous motion was rescinded.

Mission Committee Carlene Klaus reported that they will meet this coming Friday.

Maintenance Reports

Parsonage was reported on by Pastor Stark stating that they would like to have screens put on some of the windows. The pocket door from the kitchen into the formal dining room is off its track. Larry Pape said he can fix the pocket door and will get bids on getting screens on the windows.

Church and Family Life Center report was submitted by Bobby Garza as to what has been taken care of and what needs to be done. Pastor Stark stated that the heating units in the back of the Sanctuary are not working. Also, the large room upstairs in the Family Life Center, is having problems heating. A call will be made to Brenham Heating and Air to check out the problem.

Christian Education Pastor Risa said their meeting will be held January 28th. The Sunday School Valentine's Breakfast is scheduled for February 11, 2018 and the youth are serving.

Liaison/Worship Committee Report Jason Hodde was not present. Pastor Stark stated that they will be meeting on the 29th of this month and will be discussing Lent. Matt Waggoner from the United Church Funds will be at St John's on January 30th at 7:00 p.m. and the congregation is invited.

Spiritual Time Pastor Stark spoke about being called to serve the church and every leader in the church needs to think about this.

Old Business

Committees & Organization of SJUCC - Ken Gwyn composed a book of committees and groups that compose St John's. The information will be included in new members packets along with the Constitution and By-Laws.

Permanent Outside Table was requested by the Hospitality Committee for bake sales and whatever. Motion was made by Larry Pape not to honor their request for a permanent outside table and was seconded by Clyde Englebrecht. Motion carried.

Burton State Bank Letter was presented by Ken Gwyn to remove the Church's name and tax number from the Chris Gandy account. The letter is being sent to Lisa Hays (Chris Gandy's mother) asking her to take care of it by the end of January.

Constitution and By-Laws Ken Gwyn has made the corrections noted in previous meeting. Elders meeting - nothing about the formation of the group is mentioned in the By-Laws. The members consists of ex presidents of the Council. The Elders are there to help the Council in need of advice of anything they are struggling with. The Elders meet once a year. Steve Miller was asked to draft a description of the Elders to put in the By-Laws. The future Council will approve and submit to the Annual Meeting for 2019.

New Business

Lenten Meals - Jerry Guelker suggested that the Council serve the first Lenten Meal on February 14th. Serving on the group are: Jerry Guelker, Ina Eckert, Risa Garza and James Press.

Election of 2018 Council Officers will be the first thing on the agenda for the next Council meeting and the current members need to be thinking about it.

St John's Signs on US 290 - Larry Wild suggested the signs need to be up graded and would like to help with this. Bill Comiskey suggested they get a bid and see what can be done. James Press said he will get with Larry Wild.

Lay Ministers License Renewal – Risa Garza, David Greer, and Cynthia Miller need to have their licenses reauthorized. Motion was made by Carlene Klaus to reauthorize the three Lay Ministers and seconded by Jerry Guelker. Motion carried.

Purchase New NRSV Pew Bibles - the Good News Bibles in the pews need to be replaced. The Good News Bibles are out of print. The NRSV is more accurate to the original version. The Felder family would like to use some of the money from the memorials given in Gregg Felder's memory to purchase new bibles for the pews. Ken Gwyn said the Worship Committee should make a suggestion to the Memorial Committee.

Family Life Center Piano Repairs - Jan Wehring said the piano needs repairs, it will be looked into.

125th Anniversary Preparations - Pastor Stark met with the Circle 1 committee and a date was decided to be June 8th and June 9th 2019 (which is on Pentecost Sunday). They are starting with a budget of \$1,000.00 and are discussing fundraisers.

SJUCC Web Site - is now up and going and Pastor Stark would like input of other things to include on the web site.

Purchase of New Sanctuary Spotlight - new spotlight was needed for the Christmas program and was purchased by the Krolczyk family with the permission of the Memorial Committee. Larry Pape made a motion to reimburse, from the Memorial Fund, the Krolczyk family for the purchase to the spotlight. Motion was seconded by Clyde Englebrecht . Motion carried.

Council Dinner - will be decided by the new Council.

Clergy Reports

Pastor Stark submitted his report to the Council. Pastor Stark suggested a membership committee be formed to review the membership roster. The committee will consist of: Larry Winkelmann, Sally Dunford, Suzanne Kessler, Risa Garza, Cynthia Miller, and Pastor Stark. Motion was made by Steve Miller to form a Membership Committee and seconded by Ina Eckert. Motion carried.

Pastor Stark suggested a debit card for Pastor Risa to use for the Youth Group. The Youth Group has a balance of \$2,439.48 in their account. A motion was made by Bill Comiskey that two debit cards be acquired, one for Risa Garza and one for Pastor Stark. Motion was seconded by Carlene Klaus. Motion carried.

Pastor Stark gave to four families from the Emergency Fund. Current balance in the fund as of January 15, 2018 is \$16,812.54.

Risa Garza submitted her report. She will be attending Intensive study at Lexington Theological Seminary - Kentucky January 22nd thru the 29th. The Youth Group introduction and Kick Off (pizza with parents) will be February 18th.

Council reviewed the proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting and corrections were made.

Motion was made by Darrell Kieke to adjourn the meeting, second by Steve Miller. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlene Klaus
Council Secretary