

## St. John's Council Meeting June 12, 2018

Corrected\*

The meeting was opened by President Steve Miller at 6:00 p.m. and prayer by Pastor Charles. There were 10 members present.

**Minutes** from the previous meeting were approved with two corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Music expenditures were discussed; Pastor Charles will find out if the year-to-date total includes charges for tuning three pianos. Report from Larry Winkelmann was not available. Treasurer's report accepted.

**Charity Reserve Committee:** The committee has received 12 Grant applications from various organizations. They plan to meet Thursday to start the review process.

**Cemetery Committee/Care Reports:** The bushes on the north side of the cemetery need trimming. Steve will contact Cody Fuchs.

**Memorial Fund Report:** Pastor Charles gave a report outlining the number of donations and total amounts received to-date. He's working with Larry Winkelmann to be sure his report is in sync with Larry's.

### **Maintenance Reports:**

**Parsonage:** Brenham Heating and Air flushed the lines on the AC unit and it seems to have rectified the dripping problem.

**Church and Family Life Center:** Steve is working with Mickie Angerame to compile a "To-Do" list of maintenance concerns to be addressed. Pastor Charles would like to replace 12 thermostats with Eco Bee thermostats for a total cost of \$2,028 (\$169 each) to be taken from the Building Fund.

**Christian Education Team Report:** They're diligently working on the VBS program entitled, "Shipwrecked - Saved by Jesus". The Team is planning to have T-shirts available for all attendees and perhaps a CD handed out to each family.

**Liaison/Worship Committee Report:** Pastor Charles met with the Worship Committee during their last meeting. Our attendance has dropped a little. Summer is a good opportunity to try some different things during worship, some of which are: Passing the Peace, no ushering out at the 10:00 a.m. service, a Hymn Sing Sunday, children and youth collecting the offering, Chancel Drama, increased special music, changing the order of our service and possibly worshipping once in our Family Life Center. They are developing a worship survey for our members to complete in August. There will be a Confirmation class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Spiritual Time:** Pastor Charles read an excerpt from the Slumber Falls Newsletter on building intentional communities and the affects today's technology is having on individuals in developing their own identity and relating to others.

**Pastor's Report:** A small wedding will be taking place in our church on June 29. He approved their request to have Pastor Glen Schoeneberg officiate the ceremony. We have completed the process of joining the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. Our church brochure will be included in the Welcome Packets sent to folks moving into the area. A great big THANK YOU to Madeline Johnson for all your work on this project. We have two new donors signed up for electronic giving. A motion was approved that the Pastor's Emergency Fund balance should not exceed \$10,000.00 when possible. Any excess funds will be transferred to the General Fund as Special Contributions. Job descriptions need to be addressed for Mickie and Tommy Angerame and June Makowsky.

**Associate Pastor's Report:** Continued visits in the Care Facilities and also shared surgical visits. Four to five youth are attending Youth Group on Sunday afternoons. They are planning a Punch and Cookies Party for the elderly at High Hope on June 16 from 1:30-3:30. During May, she completed a course on Evangelism and Outreach and is now studying for

Intensives. On June 21 she will be in Lexington for 10 days of Intensives which is equivalent to a half-year of studies.

**Old Business:**

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report:** \*They are in the process of organizing sub-committees, waiting for a quote from Ryan Pape on the Memorial/Honor brick display and finalizing the Anniversary book.\*

**Cemetery Fence and Survey:** The survey has been completed and showed that there are too many graves bordering the south side property line to warrant moving them to accommodate a fence. A motion (made by Blake Emmett and seconded by Dean Fuchs) was passed not to have a fence built. Steve will talk to Mr. Ray Dietrich and send a letter, with a copy of the survey attached, advising him of our decision. A great big THANK YOU to Larry Pape and Blake Emmett for their work on this project.

**Membership Audit Committee:** Work is on-going. Suzanne Kessler had a good response to the inquiry letter that was sent. The next step is to contact past Confirmands.

**Holes in Stained Glass in Sanctuary:** No report.

**Free Legal Services:** Madeline Johnson has completed the research for this service and found that members of other area churches have had good results. A six-minute presentation to our congregation is tabled until the Fall.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** Amendment will be reviewed at the July meeting.

**New Business:**

**Offering Cards for On-Line Givers:** It was decided that the cards are not needed at the present time. It was decided to set the offering plates at the back of the church for the 8:00 a.m. service on a trial basis.

**P/T Maintenance Person:** A motion was passed to hire a part-time maintenance person to work five hours a week for a salary of \$20.00/hr.

**Church Security:** A motion was passed to purchase a programmable code keypad lock at a cost of \$90.00 to be temporarily installed on the door at the carport. It was suggested that the double doors leading to the sanctuary from the office area be relocated as a safety measure and the new lock would then be transferred there.

**Search Committee:** The profile for hiring a new pastor has been completed. Our Conference Minister, Dr. Don Longbottom, is committed to helping us fill this position. Pastor Risa will spread the word in Lexington when she goes in June for Intensives. Pastor Charles will list the opening on the web site.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

**Pending Business before the Council:**

- Job description for Building Manager and June Makowsky.
- Consider replacing 12 thermostats with Eco Bee thermostats.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Guelker, Council Secretary