

**St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda**  
**May 26, 6:00 pm (via Zoom)**

*St. Andrew's is recognized as a Christian community,  
celebrating God's love through serving others, and working for peace and justice.*

Attendance: Dave Putz, Randy Sacco, Janeen Christy, Steve Loucks, Mary Johnson, Lori Paulson, Laurie Hoifeldt, Nora Nelson.

**Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

**Approval/Revision of Agenda** – Motion to revise agenda: Nora Nelson will give the Property Committee Report and the new liaison will give the Social Concerns Committee report. Agenda approved as amended.

**Council Devotion/Reflection** – Lori Paulson. Meditation on John 19:22-26.

**Consent Agenda** –

- Approval of previous minutes
  - April 2022 minutes **Approved**.

**President Updates**

- United Way of Story County – Nomination of generous donor or volunteer – Council members wishing to nominate someone for this award are asked to email Dave Putz ASAP.
- Plant-A-Row – Thanks, Anything Else? – Everyone is invited to participate in this ministry. Announcements will be made next week at church and in the Friday Flash welcoming people to help at the community donation garden with Janeen Christy and Nora Nelson.
- Growing Young – Mentioned earlier and touched on at Synod Assembly, devotional content? Copies of the book will be purchased for Church Council and we will use it for devotions.
- On-going support for Pine Ridge Ministry – discuss how to support with upcoming CJ decision The Pine Ridge Ministry Team will be invited to the June council meeting to identify the needs of the team during the Colorado Junction transition. Dave Putz and Randy Sacco will communicate with the team.

**New Business**

- Synod Assembly – Summary/Update Mary Johnson reported that two resolutions were overwhelmingly passed at the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly – one reaffirming the church's anti-racist stance, and one acknowledging the human role in climate change and affirming our commitment to be carbon neutral. Delegates Mary Johnson, Laurie Hoifeldt, and Pastor Sonja expressed appreciation for the leadership of Bishop Current.
- Congregation member expenses for attending at Synod Assembly – discussion, decision **Approved the payment of mileage expenses from the Council's line item.**
- Approval of New Members – Vote
  - Dave Sprau; Dave & Sheri Krumm; Matthew Martens; Mike & Laura Van Vertloo, Cole (3), Edwin (3), Ian (2mo) **Approved**.

**Treasurer's Report** – Janet Dave Putz gave the financial report in Janet Dixon's absence. YTD revenues are approximately \$32,000 ahead of budget and expenses are approximately \$10,000 under budget. The net effect is that we are \$42,000 under budget, YTD.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Sonja Council members are asked to review the summary of the 5/25 visioning session that she summarized and posted on the portal today. Feedback is requested by Monday, June 6. SALC has an upcoming Bible milestone. A memorial service was held this month for Mary Carlson and a June 25 memorial service is planned for Forrest Dubberke.

**Old Business**

- Line of Credit – Update & discussion of process, materials Dave Putz reported that he has no feedback from First National Bank on our line of credit request for the rental properties. \$40,000 is the initial amount under consideration.
- Sale of Property – Update & discussion of process, materials Dave Putz reported that Carla Sacco has started doing walk-throughs of Colorado Junction with commercial real estate agents. He also noted that the sub-committee is drafting materials for a congregational meeting regarding Colorado Junction. Three motions are being drafted: (1) to approve the extension of the line of credit; (2) to approve putting Colorado Junction up for sale; and (3) to approve the use of the proceeds from the sale. There will likely be an informational meeting in advance of the congregational meeting to vote on these resolutions.
- Visioning Work
  - Distribution of summary to congregation The Council was again referred to Pastor Sonja's notes.
  - Wednesday's planning work – recap and next steps Dave will be proposing potential dates for the next visioning session soon. We discussed how to best distribute the visioning report. It was suggested that printed copies be provided in the Narthex at church, and that those not picked up will be mailed (to minimize postage costs).

**Committee Updates/Reports** (*Updates provided as available, important items discussed/acted on*)

- **Education** – Mary An ice cream social will be held Sunday, June 5. The committee is also planning other events for this summer.
- **EMF** – David A member has proposed using EMF funds to make the columbarium handicap-accessible. The Property Committee is currently looking at proposals for alterations.
- **Fellowship** – Lori The Fellowship Committee asks that the counters in the kitchen remain clear of items. Anything left behind should be dated and named, or put into the cupboards.
- **Mutual Ministry** – Randy The Mutual Ministry Committee met for the first time last week.
- **Outreach** – Steve The Outreach Committee will be planning the New Member Sunday. Care teams are now in place to serve communion to homebound members. The committee will research the possibility of providing care kits to people in need.
- **Property** – Nora See notes under EMF above regarding modifications to the columbarium.
- **Social Concerns** – TBD No verbal report.
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janet No verbal report.
- **Worship & Arts** – Laurie Mary Johnson noted that Pentecost is June 5. The service will be celebratory, and the sanctuary is getting cleaned the week prior. Laurie later added that storage of madrigal costumes will need to be part of the Colorado Junction/PRMT discussion.
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy No verbal report.
- **Audit** – David No verbal report.
- **Personnel** – David No verbal report.

**June Council Meeting Devotions:** Laurie Hoifeldt

**Closing Prayer** Dave Putz led us in closing prayer.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:22 PM

**Next Meeting** (meeting currently set for June 23rd)

Minutes Submitted By: Janeen Christy

Minutes Approved: 6/23/22

Addendum to 5/26/2022 church council minutes:

On June 9, the following request was forwarded electronically to all members of the council. Council members voted electronically via email responses to President Dave Putz. The motion was approved.

**The Property Committee requests the Council approve the use of funds from the Renovations/Facilities Improvement line for improvement to the Sunday School hallway restrooms. Could the Council please vote by email as soon as possible so St. Andrew's can secure a late August construction date and present estimates.**

Details below:

. The Property Committee approved the use of 'Renovation/Facility Improvement' line funds at its June 5, 2022 meeting to pay for improvements to the women's and men's restrooms in the Sunday School hallway. The work is described below. The money in this line was donated from the congregation to replace the boiler but there was excess money which has allowed several other improvements over the last two years including exterior brickwork, sanctuary windows repairs, A/C repair and gutter work.

The cost of the improvements to the restrooms is estimated at \$4600 for the two restrooms combined. The current balance of the above line as of today is \$4000 with \$2000 due to be received soon. If the additional donation is not received at the time of the invoice, there is more than enough to make up the difference in the "Facilities-Other" restricted line. The work is tentatively scheduled to be done in late August when there is less activity and ChildServe is over.

Nicer restrooms will be more welcoming to the St. Andrew's membership and guests at both regular church programming or special events.

Work to be done:

- 1) Replacement of the countertops (with laminate) in each restroom. The sinks and faucets will be reused as they are still in good shape. Iowa Home Consulting will do the work.
- 2) Replacement of the mirrors above the counters. Iowa Home Consulting will do this work.
- 3) Installation of an electrical outlet near each counter top. Nelson Electric or another electrical firm will do this work.
- 4) Painting of both restrooms. The Property Committee will do this work.

The Property Committee contacted at least six firms to do the 1 & 2. Most are booked full and would not quote. Iowa Home Consulting and Cyclone Contracting did quote. Iowa Home Consulting offered to do the work for the best price.

Thank you,

Linda Seaverson  
Co-Chair Property Committee