

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Meeting
Monday, November 28 2022, MINUTES—For Approval by Council

Mission: Engage and equip people to embrace Jesus Christ

Vision: To be a growing and Christ-centered, Spirit-led community

Strategic Priorities: In the name of Jesus Christ, be a unified faith community, and serve our neighbors

Council Present or excused:

Joel Murphy, President

Mark Scott, Vice President

David Johnson, Secretary

Steve BeMiller, Treasurer

Dean Brown

Jolie Hoffman

Randy Holthaus

Carla Snell

Kelly Heim

Carlton Potts

Shari Buckellew, Exec. Dir. Business Opns

Pr. David Glesne

Call to order and opening prayer. The November meeting of the St. John's Congregation Council was called to order by President Murphy, at 6:45pm and opened with prayer.

Agenda. The consent agenda was approved by voice vote, including the meeting agenda, the minutes of the October 2022 Council meeting, and leadership reports. Dean presented a brief Faith 45 report. Reports and minutes can be found on Dropbox.

Staff presentation. There were no staff presentations scheduled for November or December.

Business Operations.

- Shari reported that the financials went into the "red" in October, such that going into December there will exist a deficit of approximately \$45 thousand, largely because we are under budget on revenues. Steve reported that cash and investment funds increased slightly. He commented that he feels we can handle the relatively small deficit.
- Financial pledges as of meeting date total \$809K, from 182 pledges.
- Stewardship. There have been over 70 Time & Talent volunteer statements received. After a lapse of T&T volunteering efforts, this will be a part of the New Member process on a regular basis.

Annual meeting. This is scheduled for January 28, between services.

Worship strategies. This project is gathering information and looking at other' worship strategies on-line. A survey will be conducted in January, such that we should have a benchmark by February.

Gala 150. To date, 128 have signed up, with hopes for 200.

Anniversary Sunday service. This will be a single service, at 10:00, December 11. The bishop and retired Pastor Knight Wells will participate. (Because of the large numbers expected, this is will also serve as a trial run for Christmas service procedures.)