

## Consistory Minutes July 6, 2022

**Members Present:** Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Denise Melter, Rebecca Booth, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko, Paul Plantz, Darrell Ray, Sheila Tucker

**Staff Present:** Pastor Don Giesmann @ 7:25 pm -meeting with Pam Ferrara, Marsha Mihalko, Jane Bowes, Bobbie Kehlmeier

Call to Order 6:35

Devotions and Prayer by Rebecca Booth – Mary Ann Williamson

Review Minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup> – correction Social Media not Marketing by Julie – Motion was made by Denise Melter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Mihalko – Accepted with correction.

**Treasurer Report:** Marsha said the farmland and parsonage taxes have been paid. – Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Rebecca Booth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Darrell Ray – Approved

### Nurturing Center

- Preschool has 25, and 35-40 School age daily. Days vary when they have field trips that they really like numbers will be up. The day they had the waterslide approx. 75. Some of the favorites Jungle Junction and Country Lane Farm. The have lots of activities going on in the summer.
- \$138,000 Stabilization Grant was submitted on 7/5/22. This grant can be used for wages, training, light maintenance, and various other items in the center. Bobbie hopes that the center is granted something for the center.
- After VBS Bobbie hopes to use some of the lessons at centers during day care. That way those not able to attend with learn from the stories the Christian message presented during VBS.
- The children in the center are learning more about the church, by taking walks through the church.
- Next year they hope to have Pre-School Graduation on a Sunday. Hoping to get more families at church and stay for graduation.
- She would like to have a Blessing of Students as the new school year begins.
- Would like to start an evening group, where Moms/families can share with each other – like a MOPS

### Christian Education

- Planning on having a Blessing of Book Bags on 8/21/22, and student. – Bobbie making fliers to let families know.
- Bibles need to be given to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders – need to check if we have enough for this age bracket.
- 7/17/22 – Christian Ed will meet after church
- Robert Coon will be joining the committee

### Trustee

- Bobbie has a toilet that is leaking. Maybe someone could look at that.
- Water in crawl- please check
- Hood fixed in kitchen - \$1,500

Deacon's – doing good

Elder's – supplies for communion are good

Worship Team – no report

**Evangelism** -- Garage Sale August 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> -Rebecca Booth will coordinate. Drop off dates will be July 31st-August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up of items after sale will be arranged with Toledo Gospel Mission (clothes) and somewhere else for other items. Bobbie has offered to have the older daycare kids make department signs for the garage sale.

A big Thank You to Bobbie for allowing us to use the gym for the whole week. Pray that it's not too hot and rainy for the children of the daycare, because activities will need to be outside or in classrooms.

There are approximately 30 tables to be used for the sale set-up.

Food and drink will be sold during the sale.

Money raised during the sale will go to the general fund.

**July 17, 2022, Breakfast after Church** – a free breakfast will be held after church – All Welcome -Food that will be prepared and served is Scrambled Eggs and Sausage gravy and biscuits, which we already have. Items to be donated for breakfast cereal-Judy Peters, toast – Mark Chapinski, milk – Denise Melter and OJ – Jeff Mihalko. Sheila Tucker will be preparing the food. Jane will announce in Bulletins and emails to get the words out and invite people. Mark would like to see Elderlife people join us.

### **Retreat Survey Questions**

- What does St. John's do well? – this was answered
- 1 person said they would not return for a meeting like this
- Music has improved since Stacy

Reminder to think of questions for the public Secret Shopper questions

### **Air Conditioning**

AC – 2 compressors are used to run our system and currently only 1 is working. There is no warranty or guarantee left from the original installation which took place in 2014. An estimate from JL Mechanical is \$8,254 for repair of the non-working compressor.

Bobbie said that the Nurturing Center could pay ½ of the repair cost. The church would be responsible for the other half. A motion was made to have NC pay ½ and the church will pay ½ for the repair of the non-working compressor by Jeff Mihalko, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheila Tucker – Approved

**MEETING RECESS** - Mark Chapinski said that we would take a short recess until 7:30 pm. He needed to check with Pastor Don and see if he and Pam Farrera would be joining the meeting.

Just as he was headed to see what the status was Pastor Don came in and said Pam had something she would like to say to the Consistory. From the doorway she addressed the room stating that she resigned effective now and said you win. I resign and left.

**Sheila Tucker** – left the room to address Pam's resigning (Minutes were taken by Jane during her absence)

After Sheila's return:

**VBS** – will still be moving forward on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Maely Alexander will be contacted to see what role she would like to continue
- Pastor Dawn Balduf will be leading/coordinating the opening and closing
- Sheila Tucker will do the Bible Adventures with the assistance of Brayden Spieler, so Pastor Dawn can focus on opening/closing
- Bobbie Kehlmeier will lead the preschool age children
- All volunteers will be contacted to make sure they will continue with the areas they have volunteered to assist with

Pastor Don – stated that friends of Pam's are going to be upset

- Rebecca Booth asked if Mark or Judy could enlighten consistory as to what has brought about Pam's resignation. Judy explained that Staff Parish has been working with Pam on a 90-day improvement plan for both the church and nurturing center and we are not at liberty to discuss the items that have been discussed, but at this time the Staff Parish felt this was the best decision for Pam.
- We realize that this is going to come as a shock to many and we need to be ready to address the Congregation and members questions. If anyone would like to discuss in further detail please refer them to Judy Peters – Staff Parish, Chair or Mark Chapinski-President of Consistory.

#### **Pastor Don**

- We need to decide when to hire a Christian Ed Director or Youth Director moving forward.

#### **Other Business**

- Mark Chapinski and Judy Peters reached out to Dan Busch and had a very informative meeting with Dan
- They presented to Dan B. the idea of hiring Pastor Jeremiah to help guide/consult with St. John's in our Vision Plan
- Pastor Jeremiah would be willing to assist us in our plan and stated he would only accept payment for his service given to his church in Oregon, OH
- For \$300 - \$350 a month he will be attending 1 meeting per month, be available to members, and offer guidance to Mark and Judy as they work through the Vision Plan. The funding could come from the Forward in Faith Fund
- Pastor Jeremiah will be at a meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> for members to ask questions and let us know what he will provide to our church

#### **Social Media**

- Julie Humbarger has offered to help, Nate Kelhmeier also willing to help

#### **Pastor's Report**

- He said the Dr. Morris is happy with his improvement and hopes to be rid of his mobile assistance soon
- Ushers- please be sure you are offering the Children's Bulletins – 3-6, 7-12
- No Adult VBS programs this year

No Closing Comments

Adjourned in Prayer

Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to meet Pastor Jeremiah

Next full Consistory meeting will be Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm

Devotions will be Andy Dembowski

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tucker, Recording Secretary