

Consistory Minutes of November 14, 2022

Present: Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Lisa Gargas, Kim Harsanje, Cindy Huss, Denise Melter, Rebecca Booth, Andy Dembowski, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko, Bob Banky, Sheila Tucker

Staff Present: Jane Bowes, Marsha Mihalko

Guest: Courtney Chapinski, FFA

Call to Order, Mark Chapinski

Devotions: We went around the room, and each stated what we are thankful for.

Pastor Report: Pastor Don presented a short report saying goodbye, thank you, and his last official day will be November 20th.

Pastor Dawn: Thankful for all the opportunity to serve here once again at St John's and all the help that all are offering.

- Worship Design
- Deb & Stacey for the music they offer
- Worship Committee
- Glenn and Pastor Dawn using Statement of Faith UCC for confirmation, and this has been ordered
- Amanda Strauser Cox wants to start a group for teenage girls. She wants to be a part of her home church

In December we need to look at how we are paying Pastor Dawn. She would like to have a portion of her pay as housing allowance through February. Will discuss more in December.

Ash Wednesday will be February 22, 2023 – Pastor Dawn will begin looking at Worship Design Studio for planning for the Lenten Season, once the Holiday's are over.

Julie Humbarger – will use the Worship Design Studio for media post. She is meeting with Jane to plan the items to use for services, etc. on Monday.

Treasurer's Report – present and reviewed by Marsha with consistory. A motion was made by Denise Melter to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills, the motion was seconded by Rebecca Booth and approved.

Courtney Chapinski with Genoa FFA/Vo Ag presented to consistory the plan to build and make grave blankets to be sold at the church. They will be assembling the grave blankets on November 19th in the gym. The blankets will be available for purchase on November 20th. The pine/evergreen for grave blankets will be provided by Huss Nursery & Evergreen Farms.

If anyone would like to help with this project, please join the FFA/Vo Ag at 10 am.

Cindy Huss has volunteered to feed the group.

November 19th - Food Pantry – We are responsible for volunteers to help with food pantry this month. We have volunteers signed up for packing and distributing boxes.

Committee – Check Ins

Nurturing Center – No report

Trustees-will need to walk through parsonage once Pastor Don has moved.

Bearing for the fan going bad on the heating and cooling. It was advised during the switchover that we fix the issue. The cost for fixing is \$2,207. After discussion it was determined that we should not let this go because we could have a bigger expense if not fixed now.

A motion was made by Cindy Huss to have the bearings repaired, a second was made by Sheila Tucker, Motion approved.

Deacon's – Cool

Elder's – All Good

Worship Team – Plans for Advent are in place

Christian Ed – Winter Curriculum going well

- Children's Christmas Program – December 18th, Nurturing Center will also be joining
- Nurturing Center will be providing food and fellowship after the service
- They will be doing the Advent candle during this service

Evangelism – We have the new logo

- Rebecca Booth passed out the details to the bus trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum – April 18th – April 20th, 2023. There is already interest in the trip. Cost is \$425 per person

Old Business

Sheila Tucker passed out the layout for the gym for the retirement party. We currently have 138 reservations. All parts of the event are covered with many people helping with many items to make this event a special day for Pastor Don.

Those who wish to help set-up please be at the church on Saturday, November 19th at 3pm.

New Business

Search Team has met 2 times.

Mark Chapinski passed a survey out and asked all to complete it and return it to him before leaving. The survey is Who Are We? What do we want to be?

Brainstorming of Who Are We? What do we want to be?

- Group of like minded Community oriented Rally when needed Friendly and Traditional
- Messages relate to today Preacher-Teacher

What would be the perfect Pastor?

- Gives a good message Relates to All Age ranges Keeps the younger audience 20-40 involved
- Good personality Teach & inspire Energetic Loves the People Community involvement

Judy Peters and Bobbie Kehlmeier have started a group to get nurturing center graduates to come back to the church once a month for a Story Hour on Wednesday evening, 6-7, for a story, music, craft and snack. They hope to build a relationship for the future.

Young Adults will meet a Maely and Garret Alexanders in January

The budget is being reviewed for 2023. They are considering \$70,000 for Pastor package, \$4,500/year set aside for organ, no Youth Director at this time. The finance team will be meeting to prepare for the 2023 budget.

Denise Melter – thanked all for the Amazing Trunk or Treat at the church. The publicity was great. Next year we should consider combining the church and nurturing center event.

A motion was made by Kim Harsanje to adjourn the Consistory Meeting and seconded by Cindy Huss.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Tucker