

## Consistory Minutes April 11, 2022

Members Present: Mark Chapinski, Judy Peters, Lisa Gargas, Kim Harsanje, Cindy Huss, Andy Dembrowski, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko, Bob Banky, Paul Plantz, Darrell Ray, Mike Sondergeld, Sheila Tucker

Absent: Denise Melter, Rebecca Booth

Staff Present: Pastor Don Giesmann, Pam Ferrara, Marsha Mihalko, Jane Bowes

Call to Order at 6:31 by Mark Chapinski

Devotions and prayer led by Jeff Mihalko

Review of March 14, 2022 Minutes – Motion to accept Lisa Gargas, 2 nd Cindy Huss – Approved

Sheila Tucker stated she would also be adding the Homecoming email vote to the records. 15 Consistory members were emails, 12 were heard from and All in favor of allowing the Genoa Homecoming Parade to use the church parking lot for staffing/lining up the participants in the parade.

### Nurturing Center Report

- There was an issue with a plug melting down in the big room. NC had the fire department out and checked for fire in the walls and building. Luckily, there was no fire or fire damage, just a plug meltdown.
- Bobbie is asking to have plugs replaced in the nurturing center big room and amplex box, 24 LED lamps, and outlet recycling. She has a bid for \$975 to address the current issue. Would also like permission to replace lights room by room as money allows.
- A motion was made to allow Bobbie to proceed with these changes by Darrell Ray, 2 nd by Kim Harsanje – Approved.
- Electric box needs to be labelled in the nurturing center. Darrell Ray will borrow a tool from work that should make this process easier to accomplish. Otherwise, it will require a few people to get this completed.

### Pastor's Report *Annals Committee*

- The Annual Meeting will be April 26 th , online. If anyone is interested in being a rep please let Pastor know. We can have 3 reps. Pastor Dawn Baldof will be a representative for St. John's. Pastor Don will check with Bruce Hudson and see if he is interested, since he has done this in the past.
- Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7 pm in the sanctuary.
- Good Friday Service will be a community service at Genoa Christian Church with Jeanie Davies leading @ noon.
- Pastor Don attended a meeting @ Rayz's and Father Tim came and it was interesting to share with him.
- Today was a wonderful day. Keith Hille came in today and climbed up to the camera behind Deb/organ and was able to get the 2nd camera working. This will allow for better recording of the service. He also switched mics and they are working better.
- Sunday service had 125 in attendance and \$4,900, approximately 80 watching online during the week.

### Addressing his future at St. John's:

- He just had his annual check up with his doctor and he received a good report
- He has been checking on retirement and had said he would give us 10 years, which he has meet
- A plan will need to be made with UCC board
- Plan will need to be made with the church
- He will give ideas to help with the changes and needs that he sees necessary for St. John's
- He will work with the plan for revitalization of the church
- He will be willing to offer suggestions for the search committee

### Other items that need to be addressed by the church:

- Need to review the meaning purpose of the church and review the membership list. This committee is in need of volunteers.
- Brain storming needs to happen regarding needs of the church

### Committee Reports:

#### Director of Christian Ed

- Johnny Lewis read his paper this past Sunday. He did a wonderful job. Cindy Huss commented to Pam how well-prepared Johnny was in reading his paper and Gabe when he was reading Scripture.
- Ava Huss will read hers this Sunday
- Jorydn Ferrara will read hers on April 24th
- Rebecca Booth would like to add comments/papers to the website.
- Scally Brothers Concert will be April 23rd . The concert is being promoted by Yes FM and Proclaim. School's will not allow the flyers to be passed out. They don't allow religious handouts, but the kids are handing out. If anyone wants flyers Pam has copies. The Easter Ad also have the concert mentioned.
- Chicken BBQ will be April 24th
- Pam is working on getting mission trip positions filled and will be reaching out to get firm confirmations
- Darrell Ray stated that the games are available for the carnival at VBS on July 15th

### Treasurer Report

The treasurer's report was presented in the consistory packet. Marsha reviewed.

A motion was made by Darrell Ray to accept the report as presented and pay the bills – Motion approved

- Jane is on the checking account, along with Chris Sheldon and Marsha
- 2 signatures are not available through the bank. If the church would want, it would be up to someone at the church to check
- Elderlife was checking with Marsha on how the split for insurance is figured. Marsha stated the split is currently figured at 55/45. She stated that the split should be reviewed and thinks it is more like 52/48. Ben is currently our agent. Brotherhood came out to requote insurance

### Nurturing Center Report

No report available

### Trustee

- Mike Sondergeld walked the parking lot and there are parts that need repair by the dumpsters. The cost to have these repairs completed will be \$2,865. There was some consideration that maybe we want to look into concrete pad by the dumpster because of the weight of the garbage trucks.

Could the Asmus Fund be used to help with the cost?

A motion was made by Bob Banky, 2nd by Darrell Ray to approve the repair per the quote and ask Elderlife to split the cost 50/50. The split would be \$1,432.50 – Approved

Sheila Tucker will take the request to Elderlife at the meeting in May.

- o Yackee Electric contacted for the fan hood in the kitchen
- o There are shingles missing from the gym roof. The company has been contracted to repair, when they came out they didn't have a tall enough ladder and will come back per Jane.
- o Nurturing Center roofing bids –  
1 Quote 20 year with total tear off. \$84,600, area 148,642  
Currently waiting for other quotes.

Fencing is not necessary for the Nurturing Center playground area. Only a guardrail is needed. Gaylord Sheldon has the guardrail and will be donating and installing.

A motion was made to accept the guardrail and installation from Gaylord Sheldon by Cindy Huss, 2nd by Thadd Huss – Approved

#### Deacons

- o All Good

#### Elders

- o Maundy Thursday – communion, Cindy Huss will prepare and serve
- o Easter Sunday – 4 Elders will serve at both services

#### Christian Education

- o Sunday School teachers will be honored in May
- o Dee Huss will not be teaching next year and Rhonda Banky is thinking this will be her last year
- o Youth Bibles – trust fund/donation has not been made. The donor is having a problem with the check being issued, but is still working on getting check submitted to the church

#### Evangelism

- o Website updated and look's good – Thank you Rebecca Booth for updating
- o 600 more bags will be needed for the Homecoming Parade
- o Nick Nolte will be home for the parade and the theme will be based on Broadway/Theatre. June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Rebecca Booth has asked for permission to order cards to be handed out with sayings and St John's logo. A sample of what the cards will look like was presented. She will cover the cost of purchasing.

A motion was made by Kim Hasanje, 2nd by Jeff Mihalko – Approved

#### Staff Parish

- o They are meeting and working on addressing staff items/concerns

#### OLD BUSINESS

- o The hole in the front has been filled

#### NEW BUSINESS

- o Genoa Clergy – Fred Garcia will be holding a Worship Service in the shelter house during the Homecoming
- o Review of book that Mark Chapinski passed out last month  
Mark asked how many had read the book by a show of hands, many have read.

#### IDEAS:

- o Community aspect – community garden is a view of a church
  - o Do we have enough \$ to pay the bills
  - o Children will bring people into the church
  - o Teen Town – somewhere to hang out with something to do – music – charge a minimal amount, have concessions, would need supervision
  - o Sense of Urgency with a church that is dying
  - o Sometimes there are uncontrollable that cause a church to die, not grow
  - o Updated songs – music
  - o Have a dinner show, talent show to bring people in
  - o 5th Quarters are a good example of something for the youth
  - o Change is needed for the future, can't always continue to do, just because that is what we have always done
  - o Maybe a firepit to have gathering around
  - o Open up the facility more, invite people to join you. The more they are in the church, hopefully the more they will come
- Mark would like to have a longer brain storming time, maybe on a Saturday at a different location than the church.

Pastor Don said the author of this book also has other books out that are worth reading:

The Post Quarantine Church – Thom Rainer

Fireproof Your Marriage, mentioned in the book we read

Mark asked Pastor Don to lead us in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 pm

Next Meeting: May 9, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Devotions Bob Banky

After the closing Kim Harsanje asked for prayers for her grandson Nolan, who was at the hospital.