

St. John's U.C.C., Consistory Meeting February 14, 2022

Attendance: Mark Chapinski-President, Sheila Tucker-Recording Secretary, Lisa Gargas, Kim Harsanje, Denise Melter-Elders, Andy Dembowski, Thadd Huss, Jeff Mihalko-Deacons, Bob Banky, Paul Plantz, Darrell Ray, Mike Sondergeld-Trustee

Absent: Cindy Huss-Elder, Rebecca Booth-Deacon

Staff Present: Pastor Don Glesmann, Pastor Dawn Balduf, Jane Bowes, Marsha Mihalko, Pam Ferrara

Guest: Judy Peters

Mark Chapinski, President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Mark introduced the new members for 2022 and thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that tonight would be a long meeting and he promises that the rest of the year the meetings shouldn't last as long.

His agenda is Growth and Engagement. He said that he was given a couple of membership list and we have approximately 600 members and only 60-80 attending weekly.

Things he has learned and would like to see happen is:

We are a Traditional Community Church

Meetings – need to be productive and concise

Heading a committee – need to meet and have an agenda

Core members – seem to be the same people

Sunday Service – meaningful message, Welcome New members

Attendance – no excuses – get more people attending – go out and get the slow business

Politics in a church – ugly

People love seeing self on TV – maybe we can do interviews of people, reach people who will show influences.

Embrace Technology & Data

Committees – need to meet – engagement

Phenomenal Staff – work hard, work as a team

Devotional was lead by Mark Chapinski - Put God First -Denzel Washington, video, then lead us in prayer.

Mark then shared a Growth Pyramid (printout)

Go – Growth

Get Ready – Respect/Leadership/Teamwork

Get Set – Jesus

Some other ideas we might address this year are Small Groups, Fund Raising, Progress before Personality (Kim Harsanje), Myers Briggs or Ennagram (Pastor Dawn & Lisa).

Introductions – Mark asked that we go around the room and introduce our self and name the one person we would like to have a conversation with.

Mark Chapinski – Grandfather  
Paul Plantz – Dad  
Marsha Mihalko – Grandpa  
Pastor Don – Mother Teresa  
Bob Banky – Colin Powell  
Judy Peters – Mother

Pastor Dawn – Jesus  
Denise Melter – Grandma M  
Jeff Mihalko – Pauline  
Lisa Gargas – Barry Manolow  
Sheila Tucker – Kevin (brother)  
Kim Harsanje – Father

Mike Sondergeld – Grandpa B  
Andy Dembowski – Uncle  
Darrell Ray – Martin Luther  
Thadd Huss – Grandma Parlette  
Pam Ferrara – Lou Armstrong  
Jane Bowes – Granddad- John Wayne

We then had the review of the minutes. Sheila Tucker stated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the minutes the list of items for the annual meeting should read Last year's annual meeting, there were no other changes. Sheila then made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Kim Harsanje, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Minutes approved with correction.

## REPORTS

Pastor Don had to step out, we will come back to his report.

Pastor Dawn's report – no addition – report as presented

Pam Ferrara – Springhill was very positive and yesterday the youth had a Bake Sale and made \$300

Nurturing Center – no report – Bobbie Kehimeier on vacation

## Trustee

Smoke Detectors are under contract until March of 2023, and we should not have been charged for service. We pay \$1800 per year for maintenance. We should get money back that we were charged.

Old phone equipment has been removed from boiler room.

Roof leaks keep happening in gym. The last leaks pictures were sent to Bob Banky. Bob stated they claim that the nails keep popping out causing the problems. The roof is under warranty and they do come out an address issues. Will keep an eye on as we get warming and melting again here in the next couple of week.

## Deacons

Lock on door doesn't seem to lock from gym to education wing with an allen key.

Deacons Sunday Morning responsibilities list is on the door in office. Hopefully counting loose money/change has been added to list.

## Elders

Communion cups contained need more, Denise took tray upstairs for last communion.

Only Elders are currently serving communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.

Pastor Don's report: he was back after taking a call regarding a funeral that was to be held at our church on Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

He will have Jason West Funeral and Willy Foss's graveside service.

We will have Communion on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Don mentioned that the stove fan is out and we should not be using the stove/oven.

Heat needs to be adjusted for events in the gym.

Lights need to be replaced through out the church. Pam F asked who is responsible for lights in the Sunday School wing because there are lights that need replaced there also.

## Treasurer Report

Marsha explained the layout of the reports and said that if anyone need more explanation she would try to help you understand the reports.

Giving in January was behind the budgeted amounts for expenses.

Treasurers Report: Motion was made by Denise Melter to accept the treasurer report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mike Sondergeld, Treasurer report approved.

Paying of Bills: Motion was made by Denise Melter to approve the paying of the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> Darrell Ray, Motion Approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Treasurer still needs a locking file cabinet and a place to keep the cabinet. The cabinet that was found last month doesn't have a key. Darrell Ray asked if there is a number on the lock that is on the cabinet and said he would look into getting a key for the cabinet.

Mark Chapinski made a motion to purchase a file cabinet, if a key can't be found for the treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Kim Harsanje. Motion approved.

- 2) Amplex upgrade for faster internet \$20 additional per month. Andy Dembowski stated that this would be beneficial to the church.

Thadd Huss made a motion to upgrade the internet speed with Amplex for \$20/month, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Paul Plantz, Motion approved.

- 3) Pam Ferrara -- presented a date for the Scally Brothers Concert for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The cost would be \$1,200 for the 2 brothers and guitar. After much discussion it was decided to hold the concert in the sanctuary and have concessions in the gym. A donation jar will be out for the concert. The concert will be promoted by the local Christian radio stations. Money to pay for the concert could come from the Asmus memorial. A motion was made by Denise Melter to allow the concert to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the sanctuary, asking the memorial committee to cover the cost of \$1,200, with concessions in the gym and any donations from concert to be given to the youth for the Summer Mission trip. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kim Harsanje. Motion approved.
- 4) The next payment for the Summer Mission Trip is March 15<sup>th</sup> and will be \$4,700 for 30 kids and 10 adults. Pam stated she had approximately 10 interested in going currently.
- 5) Who is currently farming the church property? - The new FFA teacher was not interested in continuing to farm the property and the Gargas family will be farming the property.
- 6) Why are we not building more Elderlife buildings question from Mike Sondergeld and Kim Harsanje--Mark Chapinski and Sheila Tucker said that is a question for the Elderlife board and they should attend that board meeting and ask the question. The next meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Committee Appointments should have been made, but Mark Chapinski stated he would like to review them a little more with Sheila Tucker and they will be made in March.
- 2) Treasurer would like to know if we want to begin using the Vanco texting feature to receive giving's. Vanco would set-up a phone # for the people to text giving's to. This would tie to the current online giving's system we currently use. The cost would be \$5/month. A motion was made by Mike Sondergeld to set-up the texting system, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Paul Plantz, Motion approved.
- 3) Evangelism Committee Outreach Strategy -- Mark would like to see the Membership List updated for active and inactive. There is a section in the Constitution and By-laws that addressed how this is to be handled.
- 4) Pam F. stated that she would like to see Bibles in the older children's hands that attend the nurturing center. She would also like to see a Bible given to each child when they are registered in the NC. Christian Ed Board is behind getting Bibles in children's hands. Cost of the Bible is \$7-younger, \$13-older before confirmation Bible. There are approximately 60 grade schools, she believes. It was suggested that she check with Bobbie on helping with the cost of the bibles.
- 5) Mark C. stated he has spoken with Lynn W on possible janitor position at the church, but he will need to speak with the finance committee.
- 6) We have an advertising cost of \$375 for Genoa School programs that cover sports program, Comet Communicator, musical program, and yearbook. A motion was made to only place ad in Comet Communicator for \$60 by Kim Harsanje and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Chapinski. After much discussion a vote was taken by hand -- 3 yes, motion did not carry.

It was asked of Marsha and Jane to check on the advertising for both the school and The Press and we will revisit the management of advertising.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Denise Melter, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jeff Mihalko. Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm.

We were lead in prayer by Pastor Dawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tucker  
Recording Secretary