

Consistory Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022

Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2022 in the NienKamp Room.

Glenn Melter presented the opening prayer.

Mark Chapinski began with asking for approval to pay Stacy Depner for organizing the music. 15 hours @ \$20 hour = \$300.00

Pastor Don's last sermon will officially be Sunday, November 20, 2022. Pastor Jeremiah Diegle will preach the following Sunday, November 27. Pastor Dawn Balduf is willing to cover the Sundays through December, 2022 at a cost of \$1500.00; and January and February of 2023 with one Sunday a month off, at a cost of \$2500.00 per month which includes other pastoral duties of approximately 20 hours a week. A proposal regarding reimbursement for December, January and February was presented to the consistory. Bob Banky made a motion to approval the proposal for reimbursement to Pastor Dawn, seconded by Mike Sondergeld and approved unanimously.

Regarding personal information on the church laptop used by Pam Ferrara when she was employed at Christian Ed Director; the information has been sent to her on a thumb drive.

Suggestion was made to include in future contracts the clause that no personal information is to be stored on church computers.

Discussion then centered on planning the Retirement Party for Pastor Don. First deciding on a date, either Saturday or Sunday. After some discussion it was determined to do a luncheon following his last sermon on November 20th.

Brainstorming then the different suggestions for the meal. Mark Chapinski reiterated the fact that Pastor Don has been in the ministry for 45 years, and we would like to make this a memorable event honoring and showing respect for Pastor Don.

Several ideas were: a donut cake (Pastor Don likes these) and a nice big cake, cards, and a nice gift from consistory. Consistory members were asked to research what was done previously for a retiring pastor, and to come to the next meeting in two weeks with suggestions for a gift. We also would like a nice slide presentation with pictures of Pastor Don. Rebecca Booth offered to do invitations and a power point presentation. When we send invitations, (asking for RSVP) to Pastor Don's previous churches, and his family to ask for pictures of Don as well. We would like a multi course meal with multiple meat options. Sheila Tucker will chair the committee, Kim Harsanje and Rebecca Booth are committee members; Linda Schmidt has also offered to help. Sheila will check with Country Catering, and Ol Zim's. Mark suggested to check on prime rib, chicken, perhaps fish; with the caterers as well.

The last item discussed was forming a search committee. Glenn Melter gave an overview of what it involves to be on a search committee. It will be determined what direction the church want to go, how the church would like to be represented, a general idea, some parameters. It is important to get a diverse search committee that will be a good representation of the entire church. Those who commit to being on the search committee must be willing to participate and commit to the time needed to be thorough in the search.

Be sure to put in the ECHO that a search committee is being formed and to contact the church office or Judy Peters if interested.

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Dear Dan and NWOA,

This letter is to confirm Rev. Don Giesmann's retirement. The Consistory and Rev. Giesmann are in agreement on the following items:

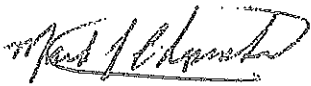
Pastor Don's last day of pastoral ministry here will be November 20, 2022. The remainder of the year after November 20 will be paid vacation. The last day of salary and benefits will be December 31, 2022.

The last church service of retirement, and a retirement party will be November 20th.

Pastor Don may stay at the parsonage until January 31, 2022. At which time Consistory will consider a rental month to month agreement.

The above agreement was presented and agreed to at the September 12, 2022 Consistory meeting with Consistory and Pastor Don.

Sincerely,



Mark Chapinski
President
St. John's Church Consistory

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