

## ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024

### OPENING

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Pastor Keen gave devotions and prayer. Chairman Kurt Roose called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

### REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Meredith Steere moved, Dale Janssen seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Dick Ulrich moved, Ron Taylor seconded, to approve the report as read. Motion carried unanimously. We received a \$256.00 premium reimbursement from our workman's comp payment. Margaret renewed one of our \$10,000 for another year at 5.1%. She also reported that we received a notice that the phone bill will be increasing.
- **Chairman:** Kurt Roose reported that Doyle Brocka burned the brush pile and buried what was left. Kurt is working with Tammy Fleshner to set a date for our annual AED training.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** March mission is Feed My Starving Children. Lent offerings go to GoServ Global – Haiti. Easter offering will be given to the Luther League.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Aug. 23-25 will be Vilmar Wilder Weekend (Family Camp), so the church service will be held in the park that Sunday.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** There was wind damage to vents on the church. Dalen Meyer repaired them. It was brought to the council's attention that we need to keep an eye on the third furnace at the church. Carbon monoxide detectors were installed in the church basement.
- **Parish Ed.:** Diane Hummel reported that after Easter, Pastor Keen will take over confirmation classes and Diane will be starting the Junior Lutheran program on Wednesday evenings. (6-7:30 p.m., both at Diane's home.)
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker met with our printer rep to discuss the copy machine and discuss overage fees.
- **Pastor:** Pastor Keen gave an accounting of her recent pastoral activities. In January she made 56 visits and provided private communion to 42. Her mileage for the month was 352 miles. She did a prayer service at Woodley Funeral Home – Greene and committal service at the South Vilmar Cemetery for Luella Miller, of Greene.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Kurt Roose will look into pouring a sidewalk from the driveway to the cemetery gate.
- Dale Janssen will look into relocating the flag pole.
- Dale Janssen will hang the curtains in the educational classrooms.
- Dale Janssen will remove the dying bushes around the educational unit and south side of the church.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Rhonda Edeker and Tyler Seehusen will discuss creating a plan for replanting trees at the church.
- The back steps to the parsonage were discussed. The council will be looking into plans for that area.
- Rhonda Edeker moved, Harlan Martzhan seconded, for the church to pay for the initial reservations at Wilder Park. Motion carried unanimously. (Anyone that wants to use the cabins/ RV spots, will reimburse the church, otherwise we will cancel the reservations and get the money back.)
- Margaret DeBower moved, Diane Hummel seconded, to give an Allison fire victim the \$250 Christmas donations from two local banks that was earmarked for a local need. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dick Ulrich announced that he and Colleen will be resigning from the janitor positions. They would like to be done by the first of March.

## CLOSING

Dale Janssen moved, and Julie Eberline seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 8 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**  
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

## MEMBERS PRESENT

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P Kurt Roose (President)

P Dale Janssen

P Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Dick Ulrich

A Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Harlan Martzahn

P Pastor Keen

P Monica Edeker