

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

OPENING

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 10. Pastor Keen led the council in prayer. Chairman Kurt Roose called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Dale Janssen moved, Barb Meyer seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Treasurer:** Barb Meyer moved, Julie Eberline seconded, to approve the report as read. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chairman:** Kurt Roose is working Tammy Fleshner to set up a date for our annual AED training. Kurt will contact the Seehusen Family to double check that they are still willing to fund the cemetery sidewalk project. Kurt also reported that there are still two cabins and two RV spots available for the Wilder Weekend in August.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** May mission is NALS. The scholarship recipients were named.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that on May 12 the Sunday School will lead worship. Also on May 12 we will honor the graduates.
- **Deacons:** Monica will put a reminder in the bulletins/Heralds to remind people to turn off lights and lock the doors when leaving the church.
- **Trustees:** Dale Janssen will contact REC about flagpole placement. The bushes around the Ed. Unit have been removed. We will seed the area to grass for the time being and talk about landscaping at a later date. Trustees will look into: putting up the curtains in the Ed. Unit, fixing the last pew on the south side of the church, fixing the flickering light in the Ed. Unit by the sanctuary door. They will double check that the toilet in the basement is working properly. The southeast and southwest corners of the ed unit roof need repaired. Out of curiosity, they got a bid to have steel put on the ed unit roof. The cost would be \$14,734. After discussion, it was decided that the trustees will look into resealing the damage. We will not persue putting steel on the roof. They also adjusted some of the plumbing in the parsonage basement.
- **Parish Ed.:** Sunday School will commence on Sunday, May 12. After the service, there will be an indoor picnic for the kids and congregation, serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream sundaes. The Community Bible School in Allison is June 25-27 from 5-7 p.m., at Wilder Park.
- **Director of Communications:** Clean-up day is Saturday, April 13. The Brinkman's anniversary reception is April 28, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Monica Edeker would like to have some sound system and live-stream training – if you are interested in learning, please contact her.
- **Pastor:** Pastor Keen gave an accounting of her recent pastoral activities. In March she made 69 visits, provided private communion to 27, and presided over 2 member funerals – Dean Westendorf and Lucy Steer. Her mileage for the month was 544 miles. Danielle Neve will become a member through Affirmation of Faith on Sunday, April 14. Cub Scout Sunday was March 10.

Pastor Keen thanked everyone for their help with the many recent services. A piano bench has been purchased for \$30 to replace the one lost by the movers. She has been asked to help with NB Baccalaureate on May 15. She may also attend the Pastor's Meeting for the Society from May 6-8 at Creighton University.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parsonage steps were discussed.
- We are still waiting for a proposed plan for the tree planting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Monica Edeker presented information about copyright laws and options for additional licensing. Margaret DeBower moved, Dale Janssen seconded to register for the CCLI copyright and streaming services for \$249/year to extend our range of music to be live-streamed. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dale Janssen moved, Barb Meyer seconded to have V21 Dust Control apply 2 applications of dust control for \$820.50 this year.
- There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to mow the church and parsonage lawns.
- Dale Janssen and Kurt Roose are looking into getting bids for overpowering the parsonage siding.

CLOSING

Dale Janssen moved, and Rhonda Edeker seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The next council meeting will be held Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Rhonda Edeker, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)	P Dale Janssen	A Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Dick Ulrich
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Harlan Martzahn
P Pastor Keen	P Monica Edeker	

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The St. John's Church Council met for a special meeting on Sunday, April 21. Chairman Kurt Roose called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Margaret DeBower reported that we need to set up the retirement package for Pastor Keen. Dale Janssen moved, Ron Taylor seconded to approve Hahn Financial as the provider for Pastor Keen's retirement program. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Members present: Kurt Roose, Rhonda Edeker, Pastor Keen, Ron Taylor, Barb Meyer, Dick Ulrich, Tyler Seehusen, Harlan Martzahn, Dale Janssen, Monica Edeker, Diane Hummel, and Margaret DeBower. Absent: Julie Eberline and Meredith Steere.