

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar was held on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service, with 31 members in attendance. The meeting began with devotion, responsive reading, and prayer. Council Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order. The congregational annual meeting agenda was presented and there were no additions or corrections to the presented agenda. Brenda Boden made the motion to accept the agenda and Barbara Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried and the agenda was approved as presented.

REPORTS

• **Secretary:** The minutes from the annual meeting held Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, were read by Barb Wagner. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Margaret DeBower made a motion to approve the minutes with Diane Salge seconding the motion. Motion carried. Minutes will stand approved as read.

• **Treasurer:** Treasurer, Brenda Boden reviewed the financial report for 2021. The Jan. 1, 2021 balance was \$25,028,46. Total income for 2021 was reported as \$141,435.39. Total expenses for 2021 were \$95,687.36. The operating balance was \$70,776.49 with \$14,215.87 in designated special funds. Brenda expressed her thanks for the continued financial support of St. John's and for special mission projects. There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report. Warren VanDyke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with Don Salge seconding the motion. Motion carried.

• **Nominating Committee:** The ballot for 2022 elections was reviewed. Chairman, Ron Salge expressed his thanks for all those who have consented to have their name on the 2022 ballot. The floor was opened for any other nominations to the ballot. With none being made, Ken DeBower made the motion to accept the ballot as presented. Kay Brinkman seconded the motion. Motion carried. The newly elected council members are:

- Deacons: Ron Taylor and Meredith Steere
- Trustee: Warren VanDyke
- Treasurer: Margaret DeBower
- Stewardship and Finance: Don Salge
- Cemetery Committee: Kevin Edeker

Ken and Margaret DeBower will serve as Iowa Mission District-NALC Convocation delegates.
Betty Debner will serve as the Bartels Home delegate.

- **Reports** from the various organizations were reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

• Ron Salge gave an update on the new speakers that have been ordered. Updating the current sound system has been an ongoing project for some time. The speakers have been ordered and are ready to be installed pending the delivery of the amplifiers. As with many delays during the pandemic,

the amplifiers are yet not available.

- A call committee update was also given. Currently Vilmar is not actively in the call process, however our video can still be viewed on the NALC website, Vilmar's website and Facebook page. Ron reported we have not been informed of any interested pastoral candidates. Pastor Craig has been contracted through August and we are fortunate and grateful for his commitment to serving St. John's.

NEW BUSINESS

- Stewardship and Finance Chairperson, Don Salge, presented the proposed 2022 Financial budget. A correction was made for reimbursement for Pastor Craig's mileage from \$0.56 per mile (per IRS) to \$0.58 per mile. The floor was opened for questions and/or concerns regarding the proposed budget. With no further discussion, Kenny DeBower made a motion to accept the 2022 proposed budget as presented. Julie Eberline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Director of Communications, Monica Edeker, briefly explained the changes for the ratification of the NALC Constitutional Amendment 11. The changes made are to clarify terminology used in the amendment and each congregation needs to vote to approve or veto the proposed changes. With no questions concerning the changes Warren Van Dyke made a motion to bring to a vote the ballot to ratify the amendments to Articles 11.01, 11.02 and 11.03. Ron Taylor seconded the motion. By show of hands, St. John's voted to unanimously to approve the changes.

CLOSING

With no other business brought up Meredith Steere made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Diane Salge seconding the motion. The 2022 annual meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The St. John's Church Council met briefly following the Jan. 23, 2022 annual meeting. Installation of council was tentatively set for Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022. The council dinner for incoming and outgoing council members will be held at home of Barb Wagner with a date to be determined this summer. Barb Wagner made a motion to nominate Ron Salge as council chairman and Diane Hummel as co-chairperson. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Motion carried and approved. There was some discussion as to the necessity of having a phone call chain when services are cancelled due to inclement weather. Currently cancellations are posted Facebook, KWWL-TV and the Hampton Radio station. The council decided that calling members was not necessary. Parishioners are welcome to call Ron Salge, Monica Edeker or any council member if needing service update.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

Present: Ron Salge, Barb Wagner, Warren VanDyke, Diane Hummel, Don Salge, Margaret DeBower, Monica Edeker, Meredith Steere, Julie Eberline, and Brenda Boden.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Jan. 12, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Diane Hummel read scripture from Psalms and Samuel.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report was read and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Brenda Boden gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** A thank you was received from Samaritan's Purse thanking our congregation for the donation to their organization. January mission focus will be Retrieving Freedom. Brenda gave a summary of some of the Christmas gifts that were purchased for the NB family.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that Pastor Craig would like to have a hymn sing on Jan. 30, and every fifth Sunday of the month. Council approved the request and Diane will visit with Pastor Craig more about the abbreviated order of service on those Sundays.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke reported that Norton has completed the tree removal and cleanup of the damaged trees around the parsonage. Warren also reported that he had consulted with Associated Crafts, who is currently repairing stained glass windows in another church in the area, to look at the current condition of the windows at St. John's. The windows were said to have an approximate value of \$109,000. An estimate on repairing and recaulking the windows was said to cost around of \$36,000. Warren said Kurt Menken is still on schedule to touch up the outside of the windows for \$50/window this year.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline thanked Diane Hummel and all those individuals who were involved with the Christmas Program. There were many positive comments about how well the children did and how beautiful the service was.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported that she is continuing to work on reports and preparing for the annual meeting on Jan. 23.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ron Salge reported that the new speakers for the church are expected to arrive soon, however the amplifier may not arrive until April because of the unavailability of the chip that it needs.
- There was some discussion as to whether St. John's name should be taken off the NALC website. Don Salge made a motion and Julie Eberline seconded it to remove St. John's from the NALC's website call list. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Salge presented the agenda of the 2022 annual meeting to be held on Jan. 23. Brenda Boden made a motion to approve the agenda for the annual meeting. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Council approved.

- Brenda Boden presented the 2021 financial year end report. Barb Wagner made a motion to approve the 2021 year-end report. Don Salge seconded the motion. Council approved.
- Brenda Boden and Don Salge presented the 2022 proposed budget for approval. Don Salge made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Warren VanDyke seconded the motion. Council approved.
- The 2022 ballot of election was presented. Diane Hummel made a motion to approve the 2022 ballot. Brenda Boden seconded. Council approved.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 at 7 p.m., in the kitchen.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

A Evan Steere

A Jason Edeker

P Brenda Boden (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

A Jeff Seehusen

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Feb. 9, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge welcomed new council members to the meeting. Diane Hummel opened with devotions and prayer. Ron Salge, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Secretary's report was given by Barb Wagner and one correction was noted. The price stated for church window repair should be corrected to read as \$150/window and not \$50/window as printed. Plus cost of materials. There were no other corrections or additions.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurers report. There were no corrections or additions and would stand approved as read.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer received thank you notes from LSI, The Gideons, radio stations 101.9 and Christian Crusaders for the generous financial gifts received from St. John's.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel stated that the Sunday school children will be singing on Feb. 13.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke gave an update on miscellaneous projects that have been done. Warren will also be contacting Kurt Roose as to whether Kurt wants to cut and bale hay from the pasture.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica reported that she has been working on reports and submitting to the NALC. Schumacher Elevator did an annual inspection of the elevator with no issues or concerns noted. Burial services were recently held for Deb Harre at the South Vilmar Cemetery. We are in need of someone to do water testing at the parsonage and church. At the present time, no volunteers have expressed interest. This testing is required by the state and anyone who would be willing to do this should contact Ron Salge or Monica Edeker as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- As newly elected church treasurer, Margaret DeBower's name needs to be added to the general fund account at the bank and Brenda Boden's name will need to be removed from the account. To be in compliance with LSB regulations, a motion was made by Diane Hummel to remove Brenda Boden from the general fund account, add Margaret DeBower to the account. Monica Edeker's name will remain on the general fund account. Motion was seconded by Julie Eberline. Motion was unanimously accepted. Motion carried.
- The council also agreed to have the computer updated.

- Ron Salge asked the council for input regarding suggestions as to investing a portion of the money in the general fund to an account that would earn some interest but still be readily accessible, if needed. Ron will report back to the council with some options.
- Council installation of the newly elected church council will be Sunday, Feb. 13 at the 10 a.m. service.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 following the Lenten Service.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

P Ron Salge (President)	P Evan Steere	P Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
P Barb Wagner (Secretary)	A Tyler Seehusen	P Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN’S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022

The St. John’s Church council met briefly after worship on Sunday, Feb. 13 to discuss serving supper prior to Wednesday Lenten services. The council expressed no concerns regarding serving supper since social distancing is possible. Council gave Margaret DeBower permission to put up a sign up sheet for individuals who would like to furnish and serve meals during Lenten season, excluding Ash Wednesday.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on March 10, 2022, following the Lenten Worship Service. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read by Barb Wagner, and approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge gave an update on the information he had received regarding investing a portion of the general fund into an investment account. The council made the recommendation to look into more options that might be available. Ron will report back to the council when more information is gathered. Ron was informed that the new speakers have arrived and hope to be installed in the next month. Easter morning service schedule was discussed and will be as follows: Sunrise Service will begin at 7 a.m.; Breakfast at 7:45 a.m., followed by second service at 9:15 a.m.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** GoServ Global's annual banquet will be held April 8 in Fort Dodge. Individuals who are interested in attending or wanting more information may contact Barb Meyer, Mission and Outreach Chairperson.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** No report.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** No report.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica will be meeting with a representative from Dumont Cable for an estimate for installing equipment for services to be broadcasted on Dumont Cable. Spring clean-up for church and parsonage grounds has tentatively been set for April 2 at 9 a.m. Many hands will make light work and all help will be appreciated. Individuals are encouraged to come help as they are able. Rain date for clean up is scheduled for April 9 at 9 a.m. Monica will be organizing and assisting the Luther League in preparing and serving the Easter breakfast. Because of the small number of youth, Monica would appreciate any extra help with the breakfast. If anyone can help with food preparation/serving please contact Monica Edeker.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nothing to report.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

P Ron Salge (President)

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Barb Meyer

A Evan Steere

P Diane Hummel

P Tyler Seehusen

P Ron Taylor

P Meredith Steere

P Julie Eberline

P Don Salge

A Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

St. John's Church Council did not hold a monthly meeting in April due to Holy Week interfering with the date, so there was no secretary's minutes or treasurer's report to print this month. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday evening, May 11 at 7 p.m., in the church kitchen.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A devotion based on Psalm 119 was read by Diane Hummel.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read by Barb Wagner and approved.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as read.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Each year St. John's awards two \$500 scholarships to one boy and one girl graduating from North Butler. After reviewing many worthy applicants the Mission and Outreach Team chose Lucas Martzahn and Ellah Schell as the 2022 recipients. The scholarships certificates will be awarded at the Awards Program on May 18.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** No report.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren VanDyke received quotes for cleaning the carpet in the church and for rewaxing the basement floor. A motion was made by Margaret DeBower and seconded by Diane Hummel to have the church carpets cleaned by Heaven's Best at a cost of \$738.65. Motion carried. Warren also noted that the educational roof needs sealing. Warren will find help to reseal the roof. The north sidewalk concrete needs to be replaced and will be done by trustees and available help. Evan and Meredith Steere fixed the siding on the educational unit, and a new light was put in at the ed. unit entrance.
- **Parish Ed.:** May 22 will be the last day of Sunday school for the summer break. A special thank you to students and parents for faithful attendance and commitment and teachers and staff for your faithfulness is teaching the youth.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker has posted a sign-up sheet for mowing this summer. If you can help in any way, please sign up. Dust control has been put on hold until next month. Several dates to keep in mind: May 15 the family of Brenda Schmadeke will host lunch following the service in honor of Brenda's birthday. May 21 is the wedding of Isabella Seehusen and Wyatt Ragsdale led by Mission District Dean Chris Staley. On May 22 high school and college graduates will be honored. Names of honorees can be given to Monica for recognition in the bulletin. Memorial Day, May 30 there will be a short program at the south Vilmar cemetery conducted by Allison Honor Guard. On Sunday June 12, Vilmar will have a Sunday of Hope Service honoring cancer survivors and remembering those who have died from cancer. Luminary bags may be purchased from Margaret DeBower or Jennifer Seehusen for \$10 each, and will be displayed in the sanctuary on that Sunday of Hope. The Voigts family has reserved the fellowship hall for the Voigts Reunion on June 12.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Salge shared with the council that Pastor David Craig gave a formal notice stating that, due to health concerns, he would not be asking to extend his position at St. John's once the contract dates have been fulfilled at the end of August.
- The council voted to send a memorial to Pastor Steffenson's family. His memorial service was held on May 7.
- A total of \$3,247.10 was collected during Lent to send to Lutheran World Relief's Ukraine Mission project. After discussion, Warren Van Dyke made a motion to up the amount to \$5,000 from the mission fund. Don Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

P Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on June 8, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Report was given by Barb Wagner and was approved as read.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurers report. It would stand approved as read.
- **Chairman:** No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer shared a thank you from Heifer International and Lutheran World Relief. The council discussed summer Bible camp camperships for Vilmar youth. The July Mission emphasis will be Special Hope Mission. Special Hope Network is a faith based Christian organization caring for children with intellectual disabilities in Zambia who help equip families and caregivers to provide these children with loving homes, holistic health, education and therapies. Jessica Cramer is a Speech Language Pathologist who works with Special Hope Network. She is the granddaughter of Lois Stauffer of Allison.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** No report.
- **Deacons:** No report.
- **Trustees:** Warren Van Dyke reported that the cement sidewalk on the north side of the church was now complete. The rugs in the narthex were replaced and a new sump pump was installed under the elevator. Warren also completed some maintenance spraying around the church property. The roof on the educational unit is scheduled to begin in August.
- **Parish Ed.:** No report.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reminded council that Relay for Life Hope Sunday will be observed June 12 during the 9 a.m. service. There will be a time of remembrance to honor and remember those affected by cancer. The Voigts Family will host coffee and fellowship and will be having their family reunion at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall on June 12. Monica has replaced the microphone at the lecturn in hopes of better reception for those listening to services online. A request for membership transfer from St. John's Evangelical Church, Vilmar to Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa, was received from the Randy Brinkman family. The Luther League, assisted by Monica Edeker, donated items for Butler County Relay for Life Silent Auction. The council discussed having a worship service/potluck at Wilder Park in August, as in other years. The date has tentatively been set for Sunday, Aug. 14 at 9 a.m. More details will be forthcoming. Monica asked if the council wanted to host a gospel group in September again. The council will discuss a possibility of this at a later date. Monica will be gone on Sunday, July 3 and will not be available to do the live-streaming of the worship service. Monica would like to train someone to run the system so that live-streaming may continue in her absence(s). Please contact Monica if you would be willing to train/assist when needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ron Salge continues to be in communication with Dan Olson regarding the speakers in the sanctuary. He is waiting on an estimate for speaker replacement and installation.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Iowa NALC Convocation will in held in Ruthven on Aug. 27. Ken and Margaret DeBower are the delegates from Vilmar.
- It was brought to the council's attention that the east Sunday School rooms get extremely hot in the summer. Margaret DeBower will look into curtains/blinds to help block out the sun.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

A Evan Steere

A Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

A Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Due to the lack of a quorum, no meeting was held.

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

A Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

A Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

A Don Salge

A Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

A Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, July 17, 2022

Due to the lack of a quorum, no meeting was held.

MEMBERS PRESENT _____

P Ron Salge (President)

A Evan Steere

P Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

A Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

A Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

A Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

A Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Aug. 10, 2022. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Diane Hummel gave devotions and prayer.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was not available.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report and was approved as read. Margaret discussed the offering and dues for the Iowa Mission District Convocation. Warren VanDyke made a motion to give a \$100 offering and take \$1,000 from the general fund to be given for dues. Don Salge seconded the motion. Motion carried. A total of \$764.82 was given to the Special Hope Network mission project.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** The August mission emphasis is the Allison and Greene Food Banks. A thank you was read from Ellah Schell expressing her appreciation for being selected as one of the recipients of the NB scholarship from St. John's. A Butterfly Release and Remember event will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 in Waterloo.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel gave information on pulpit supply. Several members have expressed that the song "Go Now In Peace" be put back into the service. Council agreed to have the song remain in the order of worship. An outdoor service will be held on Aug. 14 at the Wilder Park Chapel. A potluck will be held at the lodge. In case of inclement weather the church service will be held in the lodge also.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** The fuel oil contract with Allison Propane will be renewed for \$600 for 3,000 gallon. Evan reported that he had fixed door closures that had been damaged with wind, checked rodent control boxes, and pulled volunteer trees. He will be getting an estimate for power washing the parsonage.
- **Parish Ed.:** None.
- **Director of Communications:** No report due to Monica's absence.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ron continues to be in contact with Dan Olson in regards to sound system. It is Dan's recommendation that we change to different microphones. Two cordless microphones will be purchased as well as a new headset for the pastor.
- A volunteer for water testing is still needed. This testing is something that is required and must be completed regularly. If anyone is interested please contact Ron Salge. The council may have to look into hiring an outside source to complete the testing.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

A Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

A Julie Eberline

P Barb Wagner (Secretary)

P Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

P Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022

The St. John's Church Council met for its regular meeting on Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Hebrews 10:25.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was not available.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower gave the treasurer's report and was approved as read. A motion was made and seconded to increase the gift to Special Hope Network to \$1,000. Motion carried.
- **Chairman:** None.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer read a thank you from Lucas Martzahn for the NB scholarship from St. John's, and she also shared a thank you from the American Cancer Society. October's mission project will be Operation Christmas Child. Boxes have been purchased and will be available the beginning of October. The NALC Disaster Response team is in need of fund to aid victims of the Kentucky flooding. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send \$1,000 to the NALC Disaster Response.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported that she will begin confirmation studies with four students on Sept. 21. She has found supply pastors for October with a couple of Sundays with lay pastors. The baptism of Everly Uhlenhopp will be Sept. 18, and on Oct. 1 the baptism of Waylon Winkowitsch will be held during services.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Trustees:** The trustees have reported that one quote for power washing the parsonage has been submitted. They are currently working on obtaining another quote. The fire extinguishers will be tested in the near future. The furnace filters will be changed and bug control is continuing to be addressed.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline reported that Sunday School has begun with 13 students. Two full-time teachers and several part time teachers are part of the Sunday School staff. At this time she is still looking for another teacher.
- **Director of Communications:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jen Seehusen has agreed to help with the water testing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Julie Eberline and Jean Morris have given notice that they will be resigning as janitors. The search will now begin for replacement janitorial staff. If anyone has interest in helping with janitorial duties, please contact Ron Salge.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)

P Evan Steere

A Meredith Steere

P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)

P Diane Hummel

P Julie Eberline

A Barb Wagner (Secretary)

A Tyler Seehusen

P Don Salge

P Barb Meyer

A Ron Taylor

P Warren Van Dyke

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

St. John's Church Council did not hold a monthly meeting in October, so there was no secretary's minutes or treasurer's report to print this month. The next council meeting will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., in the church kitchen.

ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022

The council met on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., in the church kitchen. Diane Hummel opened with prayer devotions from Colossians 2:4-8. Ron Salge called the meeting to order.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** Nothing to report.
- **Treasurer:** Margaret DeBower presented the September and October financial reports. She noted that the insurance premiums have gone up. Report was approved.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge said he was going to spray the lawns once more before winter.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Nothing to report.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer read thank yous from the Allison and Greene food pantries. Eighty-three boxes were delivered to Samaritans Purse. Mission emphasis for December will be Gideons, a North Butler Family, and clothing supplies for North Butler elementary.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel stated she has found pulpit supply for the rest of the year. Barb Wagner will lead the Thanksgiving Eve service.
- **Deacons:** Nothing to report.
- **Trustees:** Nothing to report.
- **Parish Ed.:** Julie Eberline stated that the Sunday School program is going very well. A Christmas program is in the works.
- **Director of Communications:** Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- The council discussed fees for use of the church for weddings. A motion was made and seconded to charge \$100 for each wedding.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

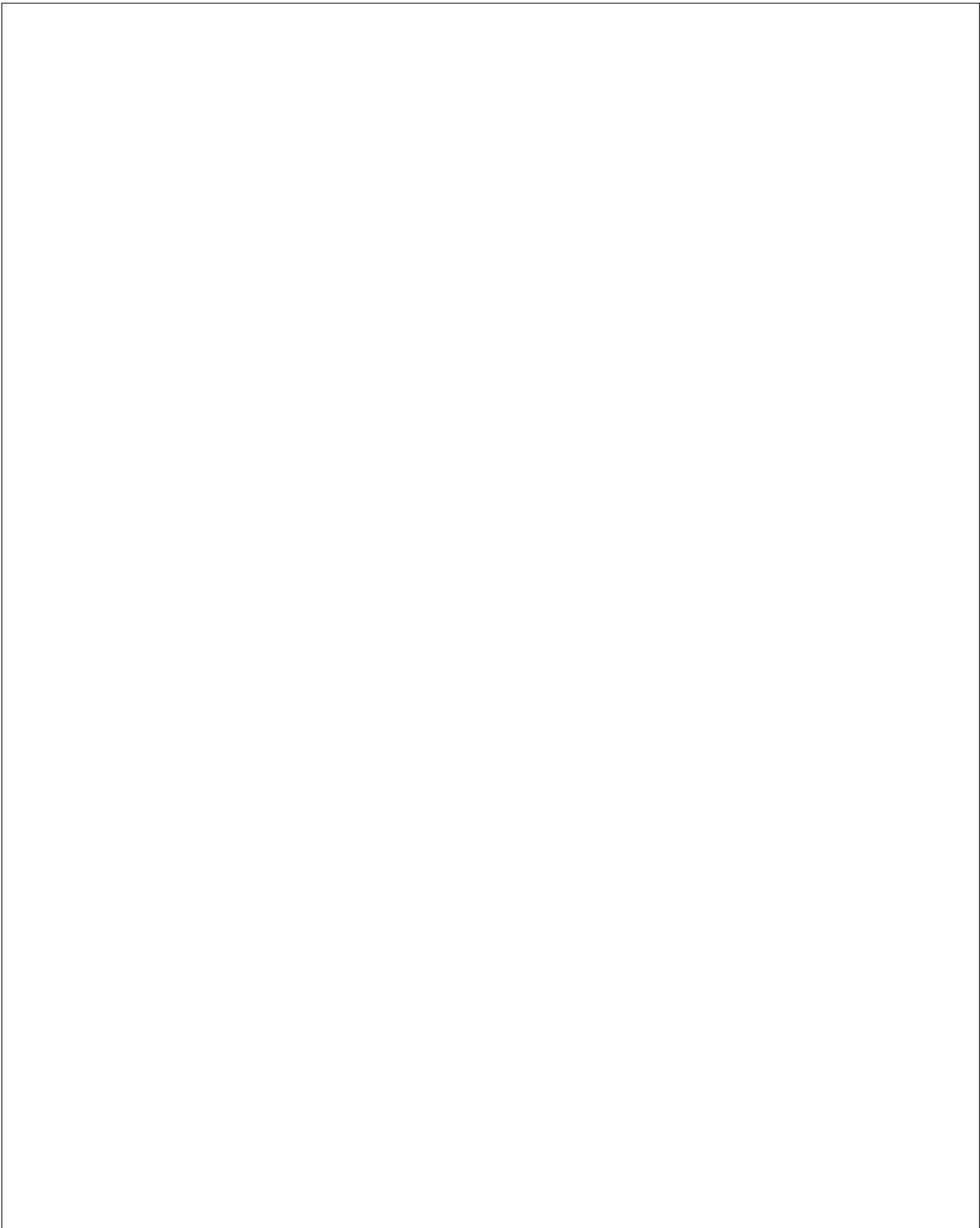
CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Margaret DeBower, *Treasurer*

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Ron Salge (President)	A Evan Steere	A Meredith Steere
P Margaret DeBower (Treasurer)	P Diane Hummel	P Julie Eberline
A Barb Wagner (Secretary)	P Tyler Seehusen	A Don Salge
P Barb Meyer	P Ron Taylor	A Warren Van Dyke



ST. JOHN'S – VILMAR COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022

The St. John's Church council met for its regular meeting on Dec. 14. Diane Hummel gave devotions based on Psalm 46. Chairman Ron Salge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

REPORTS

- **Secretary:** The secretary's report was read. There were no corrections or additions and the minutes would stand approved as read
- **Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was given by Margaret DeBower. A check from Iowa State Bank in the amount of \$200 was received and was to be used for supporting a local organization or family in need. After discussion about several possible places to donate, Warren Van Dyke made a motion to match the \$200 from Iowa State Bank and present a check for \$400 to Autumn Ackerman's family, from Greene, who recently lost their home and belongings to a fire. Barb Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Margaret also visited with Jen Seehusen about the Wells of Inspiration project in Liberia. Jen is friends with Teta Ross, from Charles City, whose husband is a pastor in Liberia. Teta works in the U.S. and travels to Liberia to help the community with projects. Some current and former members of Vilmar are planning a mission trip to Liberia to help install five wells. The wells cost \$5,000 each, so funds are currently needed for their installation, as well as for the travel expenses for the mission trip. Vilmar will focus on the Wells of Inspiration project in February. Additional details will be coming, or you may talk to Jen if you want more information.
- **Chairman:** Ron Salge reported that he has been working to fill nominations for council positions opening up in 2023. Not all positions have been filled.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** No report available.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Barb Meyer reported that gifts for the North Butler family have been purchased and delivered, as well as the gifts for Bremwood. Some items have been purchased for Samaritan's Purse Project for 2023. The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offering will be divided between radio stations Life 101.9, 88.9 Family Radio, and Christian Crusaders.
- **Worship & Fellowship:** Diane Hummel reported Pastor Zamzow will be conducting services on Dec. 18. Ken and Margaret DeBower will lead services on Christmas morning. Christmas Eve service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Christmas morning services will begin at 9 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.
- **Deacons:** Tyler Seehusen reported that more communion cards needed to be purchased. Monica Edeker reported that she already ordered the cards.
- **Trustees:** Evan Steere reported that rodent traps have been checked frequently. He also donated a spotlight that could be used for programs. Fire extinguishers will be checked by Hawkeye Fire and Safety. The defibrillator is in need of a new battery. The current battery will expire in four months. Batteries are currently unavailable through the distributor. A newer defibrillator model is available at a cost of \$1,600. Evan will continue to look for available battery, and Warren Van Dyke is looking into a possible grant for a new machine. The council also discussed another training course to use the defibrillator should be done in 2023.

- **Parish Ed.:** No report available.
- **Director of Communications:** Monica Edeker reported Schumacher Elevator had completed their elevator inspection and the piano has been tuned and the nativity scene put up. She also reported that Lavone Frerichs is now residing at Valley View Care Center in Greene. Individuals are reminded to make sure all lights/candles/etc. are off when leaving the church. She reported that the organ and the pianos have been tuned as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- The annual meeting has been set for Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 with a snow date of Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023. There will be a potluck following the worship service and the meeting will begin at approximately 12 p.m.
- Annual report deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. Please be prompt in getting Monica your reports so the annual report can be prepared.
- The Christmas stage and backdrop will be put up on Monday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Barb Wagner, *Secretary*

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