



**April 18, 2023**  
**Church Council Meeting**

**Council Members Present:** Andrew Ford, Chris Dawson, Dan Maloney, Pastor Frank Espegren, Jenny Mohler, Jo Hoffmeier, Joan Slabaugh, Joel Kimmelshue, Kim Hendricks, Kurt Galvez, Linda Baldwin, Linda Eytcheson, Pastor Amy Kienzle, Pastor Jon

**Council Members Absent:** Rita Blomster, Zhiwei Yu

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:30 pm** - Jenny Mohler
2. **Opening Devotion** - Pastor Jon
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Andrew Ford
  - a. March minutes presented.
  - b. Motion to approve made by Andrew, 2nd by Jo. Motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
4. **Reports & Presentations**
  - a. Executive Committee - Jenny Mohler
    - o Following up on items brought up during the Congregation Matters meeting, such as the directory, youth and family ministry and church growth.
  - b. Financial Report
    - o Audit update:
      - The audit has begun.
      - Ted Norris appointed to the Audit Committee by the Executive Committee during their April meeting.
      - One more candidate is being recruited to round out the Audit Committee.
    - o Loose offerings have increased lately, coinciding with the return to passing the collection plate during worship services.
    - o Current cash balance: \$621,400 (total T-Bill investment: \$686,915)
      - General Operating Fund
      - March Revenue: \$135,362
      - March Expenses: \$153,456
      - March General Operating Net Income: (\$18,094)
      - YTD General Operating Net Income: (\$100,779)
  - c. Senior Pastor - Pastor Frank Espegren
    - o Upcoming discernment, in the form of an ad-hoc committee or task force, focused on charting out the future of St. John's in terms of a resource strategy. A document to scope this work will be drafted for presentation at the next Council meeting.
  - d. Other Reports
    - o Pastor Amy elaborated on the situation with Midtown HART and the Navigator position that St. John's helps to fund. More information will follow as the situation resolves.

## 5. Action items

- a. New Member Enrollment
  - o Agenda item tabled until next month, waiting for confirmation from Luminaria class on who will be enrolled as members.
- b. Marilyn Nelson
  - o Rising travel costs require more funding for the Marilyn Nelson visit.
  - o Motion: Increase the Not to Exceed funding for the Marilyn Nelson trip from \$10,000 to \$12,500.
  - o Motion brought by the Planning team, 2nd by Kim, motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.

## 6. Announcements

- a. Clarification on using Zoom for Council meetings (Jenny)

For council meetings, please know we would like you to prioritize care for yourself, loved ones and work. Please do not make extraordinary efforts to attend by Zoom when you have conflicts such as care issues, emergencies, travel, or vacation. The strong preference is for you to attend meetings in person. If you are not able to attend in person, please Jenny know so that we can ensure we have quorum for any items requiring vote. Zoom will continue to be available for those unable to attend in person.
- b. Luther Lobby Day Wednesday, May 17th, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at St. John's  
<https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/lutheran-lobby-day-2023>
- c. May 6th at Good Shepherd is the Conference Gathering to discuss the upcoming Bishop's Election at the Synod Assembly. At 4pm will be Charbel's ordination.
- d. Dialogues on Race class series starting up soon. April 30 - June 18 at 10:15 on Sundays OR Wednesday via Zoom. Request made to the council to participate. Marilyn Nelson will be in the June 11 session.
- e. 85+ luncheon on April 29th.

Adjourned at 7:29 pm

Next Meeting on April 18 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Ford  
Church Council Secretary