



**March 21, 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 Eytcheson, Pastor Amy Kienzle, Rita Blomster, Zhiwei Yu

**Council Members Absent:** Pastor Jon, Linda Baldwin

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson

1. **Call to Order @ 6:30 pm** - Jenny Mohler

2. **Opening Devotions** - Pastor Frank

3. **Approval of Minutes**

**Andrew Ford**

- a. February minutes presented.
- b. Motion made by Andrew, 2nd by Jo. Motion passed unopposed with 2 abstentions.

4. **Reports & Presentations**

- a. Executive Committee - Jenny Mohler
  - o First English Speaker series
    - Hiram Johnson HS has agreed to have Marilyn Nelson speak at their commencement.
    - There will be an event on June 11th at St. John's and one at City Church. Planning work commences.
- b. Financial Report
  - o Regular envelope giving is down compared to budget and last year. Kat and Linda looking at why that may be.
  - o Current cash balance: \$642,868 (total T-Bill investment: \$686,915)
    - General Operating Fund
    - February Revenue: \$106,571
    - February Expenses: \$167,510
    - February General Operating Net Income: (\$60,939)
    - YTD General Operating Net Income: (\$82,686)
- c. Senior Pastor - Pastor Frank Espegren
  - o Discussion on the lawsuit against the ELCA by the former Bishop Megan Rohrer
- d. Connections Campaign
  - o Jenny has been trained as a lay leader and started making calls as part of the Connections Campaign.

5. **Action items**

- a. Pastor's Housing Allowance
  - o Motion: Set the Pastor's Housing allowance for 2023 as the following:
    - Pastor Jon: \$39,000
    - Pastor Amy: \$30,000

Unrestricted

- Pastor Frank: \$40,000
  - Motion made by Jenny, 2nd by Andrew, motion passed unopposed with one abstention.
- b. Salam Radio Ministry
  - Motion: The Executive Committee moves that St. John's Lutheran Church enter into an agreement with Salam Arabic Church (SAWC) that would commit space to Salam Radio for 5 years as described in the proposal, contingent upon satisfaction of questions regarding ADA and FCC compliance and negotiation of MOU.
  - Motion brought by the Executive Committee, motion passed unopposed with 1 abstention.
  - Negotiation team for the ministry: Pastors Frank and Amy, Chris Dawson, Dan Maloney and Linda Baldwin.

**6. Announcements**

- a. Council invited to attend upcoming Vision meeting and dinner on Tuesday March 28th at 4:30 in Oehler.
- b. Congregational Matters upcoming on April 16th at 10:15am.

Adjourned at 7:49 pm

Next Meeting on April 18 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Andrew Ford  
Church Council Secretary