

## 2011 ST. JOHN'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE :** 07-MAR-2011

**Meeting called to order by:** Vice President Teddy Roberts

**Devotions:** Teddy Roberts

**Members Present:** Roberts, Taylor, Ruth, Jenkins, Janney, Newman, Smith, Kelley, Bennett, Boynton, Reiter, Wood

**Members Absent:** Banks, Gillet, Wangerin,

**Minutes:** Accepted as presented (Newman/Wood)

**Financial Report:** Accepted as presented (Taylor/Ruth)

### **Pastor's Report:**

**Visits to Members:** 9

**Visits to Shut-ins (Communion):** 3

**Hospital Visits to Members:** 8

**Prospective Member Visits:** 2

**Chaplaincy Program (Hospital visits to non-members):** 0

**Counseling Appointments:** 3 (2 families)

**Funerals:** 1, Norma Jean Duke Grove

**Baptisms:** None

**Weddings:** None

**New Members:** None

### **Other Business:**

**Fire Alarm Work:** Faulty panel box in church has been repaired; work still in progress on other areas of alarm system (low battery code) and the elevator phone line.

Martin Street door has a new code.

**Choir Director:** Heather Watkins will begin duties as adult choir director on Wednesday, 30-MAR. A review of her performance will be conducted at the end of September.

**Synod Request:** The synod bishop has requested to visit the congregation in September or October.

Pastor Riley and Buddy Newman will be absent for next monthly meeting in April. They will be appearing before the Historic Review Committee concerning the planned storage building.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Christian Education** – Linda McQuaid has scheduled practices for the Easter Program. The Easter program will take place during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary on 01-MAY.

**Evangelism** – Church council members will take a survey entitled “Evangelizing Church” that members received from Pastor Riley at the council retreat on 05-MAR. Members will bring their completed survey to the next meeting.

**Social Ministry** – Friends Feeding Friends served 63, including carry-outs, in February. At April’s serving it is planned to add Easter service schedule to each table so visitors may see times. Some Friends Feeding Friends visitors have requested having someone from the church sit with them and several committee members volunteered.

Educational scholarship forms are available in the office.

**Worship & Music** – Heather Watkins will start adult Choir director position on 30-MAR. Member from Arden United Methodist has suggested a joint service or social with St. John’s. It is being considered.

**Memorial** - SCRIPT has earned \$347.10 to date this year. Suggestions were made for other ways for members of the congregation to be involved such as sponsoring the weekly bulletins, (approximately \$35/week), buy a subscription to The Lutheran for a friend, sponsor the wine for communion.

**Property** – Buddy Newman and Pastor Riley to attend Historical Review Committee in April for shed. Has received another bid on the fence. City building inspectors have been to St. John’s for the shed and sidewalks/steps (and a retaining wall), that will lead to back door. Newman to purchase a 90 gal. tugalong to ease garbage hauling/collection to curb.

**FLYTE** – Dinner theater planned for March, presentations at Trinity, St. John’s and Shepherdstown men’s club (for St. Peter’s). Planning on starting Junior FLYTE soon.

**Mutual Ministry** - Position description for Assistant/Recording Treasurer almost complete. The assistant treasurer must be a member of the church and the current person in the position is not. Council voted to give Martha the opportunity to become an associate member. (Newman/Ruth)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** It was suggested that the webpage be re-organized, Wood offered to give example.

WRNR ads for Easter service schedule to run 6 times at \$111. (Ruth/Janney)

Money from Lenten folders: Hospice (medications)/Rescue Mission

Money in lieu of Easter flowers: Relay for Life. (Ruth/Bennett)

With no further business, the congregational council adjourned (Taylor/Bennett) followed by the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Jenkins