

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL Agenda/Minutes

<b>Date:</b> Aug 9, 2022	<b>PARTICIPANTS:</b> Bill Kanfield, Greg Silus, Tia Burnham, Jane Ward, George Silverness, Terry Laschinger, Warren Peterson	
<b>Start Time:</b> 6:05 PM	<b>End Time:</b> 8:47 PM	<b>Devotions:</b> ?
<b>Location:</b> FireHouse Grille NM	<b>ABSENT:</b> Al Ritchie	
<b>Minute Taker:</b> Greg Silus		

### ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION BY MINISTRY BOARD:

<b>Special Guest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Bruce Mohn &amp; Bobby Johnson</b></li></ul>
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Agenda Items	Minutes/Discussion	ACTION/ Who is responsible	Start time/ DEADLINE
<b>1. Parsonage Review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Guests: Bruce Mohn &amp; Bobby Johnson</li> <li>• Plot review of church property</li> <li>• Lot sizes to accommodate 2 large animals, and more smaller animals: animal units</li> <li>• Equal sizes: building distance considerations</li> <li>• Tenants out of property already</li> <li>• Septic review: in compliance or not <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Find manhole covers</li> <li>○ If a single pipe, then likely a failing system</li> <li>○ Soil boring to occur with Bruce’s guy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Find where the water table is</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ How the property is listed depends on what needs to happen with the septic system</li> <li>○ County will let us know, or if County provides the Certificate of occupancy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Water well is in good condition with new drop pipe and submersible pump</li> <li>• Cleanup on lawn is needed</li> <li>• Property Comm come back with estimate of listing price</li> <li>• Some discussion of listing as ‘tear-down’ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mold observed in basement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Drain tile installed several years ago</li> <li>• Possible tear-down is recommended listing</li> <li>• Attic looked at with blown in insulation</li> <li>• History of the parsonage discussed briefly</li> <li>• Possible open house – after general cleanup of property</li> <li>• Comparable sales are a challenge – perhaps engage Jerry Wicklund</li> <li>• Council can decide the price</li> <li>• Remove the chicken coop and cleanup yard</li> <li>• \$1 for Bobby’s services</li> <li>• Fill in the gap of cost is the goal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ballfield perhaps \$150-\$200k</li> <li>○ Parsonage perhaps \$200 - \$275k</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Challenges in the future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fix it</li> <li>○ Sell it</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 30 days option for church members</li> <li>• Housing right transfer for the ballfield property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comparables are being procured by Bobby and his team for marketable price for parsonage</li> <li>• Outdoor cleanup, mowing, removal of chicken fence and coop, attempt locate manhole covers for septic. Bruce Mohn for most items, Greg Silus to help with yard mowing and weed pulling and spraying</li> </ul>	

<b>2. Revive update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SELA engaged – residential, have not heard back</li> <li>• General contractor – same steel source as SELA</li> <li>• Roof type: Ribbed, asphalt &amp; other type</li> <li>• Would like to order pews in September</li> <li>• Try to order the carpet soon</li> <li>• Jane – Congregation wants to hear about what is happening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update in the newsletter</li> <li>○ Jane offered to champion this</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Money check/review on the barometer in fellowship area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane to work on an update for the congregation</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Treasurer Candidate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous at Mystic Lake - retired</li> <li>• Potentially interested</li> <li>• Knows a current member at Christiania</li> <li>• ICON reports are not a lot of effort for Office Manager at this point</li> <li>• Need to stay away from custom reports</li> <li>• Physical presence of Treasurer preferred at the Congregational Council mtgs</li> <li>• Discussion of amount of hours onsite at church</li> <li>• Desktop computer in church office is functional and can access ICON</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion when the candidate returns from vacation with Cheryl B.</li> <li>• Bill to talk to Carri directly about onsite hours requirement</li> <li>• Relocate previous Office Mgr computer to Counting room and establish internet connection / Greg Silus</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Future New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disenchantment of ELCA</li> <li>• Hosted a Christian nationalism - less support for the Synod</li> <li>• Outside forces – want their offering not going to ELCA</li> <li>• Proactive approach by Congregation Council?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<b>5. CYF Leader replacement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel Committee</li> <li>• Assistance Pastor not present</li> <li>• Interserve Ministry – gap coverage is an option</li> <li>• Unicorn – CYF and Assistant Pastor</li> <li>• Deacon option</li> <li>• Combine Confirmation with another Congregation</li> <li>• October State of the Church – cover Joe’s replacement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Survey to a less of an extent</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Future presentation to the Council by Interserve Ministry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach out to the Synod for CYF and assistant</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Van</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hired and non-owned vehicles insurance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease from Bill yet to provided</li> <li>• Insurance policy for bus</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Draw people to Christiania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pink sign which another church had posted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane to mention in the Ministry Board meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>8. Financial report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jane mentioned a point about the report, pertaining to the Refresh</li> <li>• Separate Refresh account for clarity, especially when Bills start to appear</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	

9. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A</li> </ul>	•	
10. Receive Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasures Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Briefly discussed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pastor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pastor not present</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ministry Board Report (CYF, Worship, Mission, Stewardship and Membership) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not reviewed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Financial Review Committee</li> <li>• Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Made available but not covered</li> <li>○ Time spent on Parsonage discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	•	
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12. Adjourn meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President adjourned meeting at 8:47pm</li> </ul>	•	
Communications with Congregation	<p><b>NOTE:</b> Use Newsletter, Bulletins, Website for announcements. Use Info Desk for Sign Ups and Event information. Website requests: <a href="mailto:office@christianialutheranchurch.org">office@christianialutheranchurch.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	•	
Next meeting date:	9/13/22 6pm CT at Christiania		
Next Devotion:	Pastor Jon		