

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Minutes – April 10, 2025

The church council met April 10, 2025. Those in attendance were Keith Cornish, Heather Roeske, Amanda Pfenninger, Pat Graham, Travis Lee, Cynthia Barnhill, and Steve Paulsgrove.

Keith Cornish, president, opened the meeting with prayer at 6:02 PM.

Wanda Cornish addressed the Church Council on the Mother's Day Fundraiser. The church will be serving plates of half BBQ chicken, beans, potatoes, all the trimmings, plus dessert. After discussion, Cynthia moved we charge \$12 per plate this year; Pat seconded the motion; the motion passed. Amanda moved the proceeds from the fundraiser be donated to Mt. Moriah Baptist Church; Steve seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The minutes from the March 13, 2025 meeting and the March 30, 2025 Special Council meeting were reviewed. Steve moved both minutes be accepted as written; Amanda seconded the motion; the motion passed. The March 31, 2025 treasurer's report was reviewed. Attention was given to the increase in utility bills for March due to the Lenten services. Steve suggested contracts be reviewed. Heather moved the treasurer's report be accepted; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed. The May calendar was reviewed. No changes were made.

Committee Reports

- **Building and Grounds** - The rotational schedule was reviewed.
- **Altar Guild** - No report.
- **Women's Unity** - Pat Graham stated Wanda, Merle, and Christy attended the WNALC District gathering April 5th in LaVernia and the WOSJ donated \$100 to the NALC Disaster Response. \$345 was donated by the Congregation on April 6th Water Sunday service to Water Missions. Rebekah's Circle completed 23 personal care kits to be delivered to the district NALC warehouse in Rosenberg.
- **Cemetery** - Pat Graham stated the committee met April 8th. An updated cemetery wall chart is outside Wendi's office. Two committee members, Sherry Gloor and Kelly Oehlke, need to be approved by council for a second, three year term. Keith moved Sherry and Kelly be approved for a second, three-year term; Heather seconded the motion; the motion passed. The committee will have suggestions for the council to review at the May meeting on changes to the Cemetery By-Laws. The estimate for engraving a death date on Annie Lee Gayda's grave marker is \$150. We have approved the engraving to be done. The cemetery grounds care person has been contacted to mow the cemetery. Veteran flags will be set out at veteran graves in late April. Cynthia asked if there would be a service at the cemetery on Easter. Keith said he would find out who could lead the service.
- **Call Committee** - No report.
- **Sunday School, Confirmation** - Heather Roeske reminded council there is a children's Easter egg hunt instead of Sunday school on Easter Sunday. Keith Cornish stated confirmation is going smoothly.
- **Worship Committee** - Changes were made to the Lay Pastor rotation schedule.

Old Business

- **Pastor Plaque** - Keith Cornish stated it's in progress.
- **Skunk Removal** - Another trap was set out.

New Business

- April 17th is Maundy Thursday Pancake Supper served by the Sunday school children and adults. Pancake supper supplies need to be discussed at this Sunday's adult Sunday school.
- The Call Committee will try to meet this weekend.
- After discussion, Steve moved the church pay Johnna Picard \$200/service plus mileage for her April 6th service.
- There were discussions on the VBS T-shirts. No action needed to be taken.

With no further business, Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting; Steve seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Graham, Secretary