

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Richard Hoffelmeyer, Annette Hund, Mary Lou Peter, Earl Doerr, Kurt Pellmann, Kathi Trent, Barbara Scharf, Dale Greunewald, and Pastor Weber. Charlotte Mehrtens was unable to attend the meeting.

Prior to getting down to business the Council took a few minutes to celebrate Kurt Pellmann's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday enjoying ice cream cake provided by Pastor Weber. Happy Birthday Kurt.

**Treasure's Report:** Amanda provided the Council with copies of the treasurer's report. After a review of the monthly report a motion was made by Kathi and second by Barbara to accept the Treasure's Report. Motion carried.

Amanda also reported on the balance currently in our Missions Fund and when checks will be sent to the corresponding organization.

Amanda will be on vacation beginning July 18<sup>th</sup> and will be back in the office on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BCE Report:** No BCE report

**Minutes:** The minutes from the June 2022 meeting was reviewed. Barbara motioned to accept the minutes, Rich seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor went over the VBS attendance and supplied the following data:

VBS Attendance	38 with 8 being members of the church
Youth Helper	20 with 3 being members of the church
Adults Helper	17 with 15 being members of the church

The closing event held on Friday, which included a water slide was well attended by parents, grandparents and siblings.

The remaining VBS supplies were donated to the Bethesda Evangelical Church in South St, Louis.

Pastor reported that our attendance was down from last year he feels the lower attendance was due to St. James also having a Vacation Bible School which consisted of the same theme we had used. In the past years our VBS was well attended by children from St. James. Pastor is going to contact St. James and inquire regarding their VBS attendance.

Pastor also reported that the New Athens Home for the Aging will be closing their doors this Thursday. Pastor will be meeting with the Mission Team since the New Athens Home is also one of our monthly missions.

Rich motioned to accept Pastor's report, Mary Lou seconded. Motion carried.

**Audit and Budget:** Richard Hoffelmeyer reported that it is time to perform our mid-year audit. Dale Greunewald will be reaching out to the audit committee team from the 2021 end of the year audit to recruit them for the 2022 mid-year audit.

**Mission and Outreach:** Since the Missions were discussed along with the Treasury Report and New Athens home for the Aging was discussed with Pastor's report Mary Lou had nothing new to report.

**Long Range Ministry:** Charlotte was unable to attend the meeting.

**Staffing/Parish Relations:** Barbara Scharf had nothing to report.

**Volunteer Ministries:** I have begun my search for new council members for the 2023 year.

**Worship and Music:** Dale inquired if we were having any issues with the current sound board we were using during Worship in the Park. Pastor reported that currently there were no issues with the sound board.

**Cemetery Board:** Kurt reported that he is working with Wolfmeier Trucking on getting rock spread at the Freivogel cemetery.

**Property:** Earl reported that he has applied for the variance with the Village of Millstadt for the new building at the park. The cost of the variance was \$135.00, we should receive notification on July 26<sup>th</sup> if the variance will be granted.

**Old Business:**

Pastor reported that we received a thank you note and donation in the amount of \$300.00 from the Millstadt Community Choir for the use of the church.

A discussion was held on ways to increase the attendance of our Sunday School and Youth. A suggestion was made on the possibility of sending out a survey to the parents of current and past children who have attended our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for suggestions on ways to attract more youth to our church.

**New Business:**

Mary Lou has begun working on a procedure file for all annual events, such as church barbeque, homecoming, trivia night, Easter breakfast etc. The file will contain information such as amount of food, when to begin work on the event and tasks that need to be completed the day of the event. The procedure file will make it easier for a person or group of people to create a successful event.

Annette has taken ownership of corn dog and funnel cake stand for the 2022 Millstadt Homecoming. She will be putting together a sign-up sheet for workers and will begin recruiting workers in August. Earl will work with the Z-Team for set-up of the stand on Saturday morning of the homecoming. Charlotte will be ordering the supplies for the stand. The council has agreed that the cost of the corn dogs should be increased to \$5.00 and the funnel cakes increased to \$7.00. The increase is necessary due to the increase cost of supplies due to inflation.

Motion was made to adjourn by Kathi and seconded by Barb. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

President – Dale Gruenewald

Vice President – Kathi Trent