

**Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2023**



**Call to Order:** Called to order by Karen Boardman at 7:03 PM.

**Present:** K. Boardman, D. Clark, Pastor Dody, B. Hendricks, I. Martz, A. Russell, J. Steiner, G Wagner, J. Weremedic

**Absent:** K. Gross, D. Heckman, K. Leonard, D. Stark

**Devotions:** Bill Hendricks / Andrea Russell

**Christ is Present:** Several members shared how they saw God working in their lives in the past month.

**Approval:** of 11.16.23 minutes and 12.14.23 agenda. Minutes: MSP: I. Martz, J. Steiner

**Correspondence:** none

**Special Guest:** none

**Staff Reports:**

- A. Pastor's Report: HCA
  - 1. Seventy letters were mailed to members who have not contributed/communed in the last three years. (actually 4 years with covid consideration)
  - 2. Will hold New Member Classes first three weeks of January during Sunday School time.
- B. Director of Faith Formation Report: HCA
  - 1. Bulletin boards have been added to Sunday School foyer. Thanks to Kevin Murphy & Bruce Stettler

**Committee Highlights/Reports:** \*\*please submit written reports as able\*\*

- A. Treasurer. HCA. Debt end of Nov. 2023 = \$54,000
- B. Worship & Music. NM
- C. Technology. NM
- D. Property.
  - 1. Security alarm system cost increase up 10%
  - 2. Water concerns – on Thursdays when Rising Roots is in session frequently have no water as day progresses
  - 3. Heating concerns/service contracts – problem with no heat in Sunday School building addressed
  - 4. Snow Removal – Jeff Steiner & Bruce Stettler will meet with D & D Landscaping asap
- E. Outreach / Mission. No report.
- F. Family Center. HCA
- G. Christian Education. NM
- H. Finance. NM

**Old Business:**

- A. Ventilation Proposal Update HCA. – 12/7/2023 cost \$84,820 less Lehigh County Covid Relief Fund (- \$25,000) still need \$59, 980
- B. Pre-K/childcare program Update – person interested in starting program (Isabelle Shurman) will be invited to next council meeting
- C. Staff evaluations/contracts to be complete by end of January 2024

**New Business:**

- A. Learning Ministries Day 1/25/25 request to be held at JELC by Jamie Edelman. Synod Event. Approved.
- B. Request to be removed from membership by Mike Freitag, Heather/Chase/Tigh Parker. Approved.
- C. Council Installation Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at both services
- D. Request from Monica to work from home 1 day a week (Wednesday). Approved.

**Motions:**

1. To allow Glenn to move monies from Mission Investment Demand Account to checking account if needed. MSP. D. Clark A. Russell
2. To all a Synod event, Learning Ministries Day, to be held at JELC 1/25/25. MSP D. Clark J. Weremedic
3. To accept requests to be removed from membership by Mike Freitag and Heather/Chase/Tighe Parker. MSP I. Martz J. Steiner
4. To allow Monica to work from home one (1) day per week (Wednesday) for the 2024 year. MSP B. Hendricks I. Martz

**Adjournment:** Lord's Prayer; Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. MSP. A. Russell I. Martz

**Next meeting: Jan 11, at 7:00 p.m. – Devotions: Pastor Dody**

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Hendricks