

**Consistory Meeting Minutes**  
**June 11, 2024**

Present: Pastor Nat, Donald Adams, Mark Atterbury, Kendel Weber, Doug Goering, Gary Hartgerink, Dan Rice, Shawn Gouldin, Randy Sieck, Keith TenHulzen, Brett Wieskamp, Brandon Oltman

Absent: Brandon Cramer, Bruce Docter

Keith provided devotionals and opening prayer to start the meeting

The minutes from May 14, 2024, meeting were not approved due to the balances printed being wrong. The minutes will be corrected and approved in the July meeting.

Talked through the May treasurer report

May Balances

Please email church office for the financial numbers  
Thanks Beth S.

Detailed reports were discussed,

- Discussed activity for the month
- Motion to accept, support, and vote passed

RCA (John, Quinn) delegates and EFCA meet about the denomination change

- RCA said paperwork would be easier if the note to the RCA was paid off before the change to EFCA
- No consistory members received any feedback from the service on 6-09-2024
- Need to work on the bylaws
- Need a letter of acceptance from EFCA
- Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> will be a congregational meeting for the vote, the meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

Donald gave a talk about the first few weeks being on staff

- Enjoy the parsonage and the community
- Volunteers have been good
- Encouragement has been offered
- Need to upgrade pieces of the Audio/Video system
- Is going to try and get a 20's & 30's group together
  - Is there a way to get babysitters for this?

Other items discussed

- Need to meet with Ron DeBoer to talk about Sunday morning children's church
- Ken Walls will be doing an LLRC photo booth during the Firth Fun days
- Talked about Brett Wieskamp joining the mission team
- There is a need to replace the lighting behind the cross, as the current lighting interferes with the sound system, we have doner that will pay for the new lights, and an electrician who will donate the labor for the repair
- Went through a letter from Pastor Timothy Schmidt that talked about some joint events he would like to see us do together.
- Nat read Mathew 18:20 to the consistory and asked what it means, appearing to be talking about the power of prayer when in groups but when read in context it is really about church discipline.

Brought up names of people that were in need of prayer, circle of prayer was held, and break for snacks was done before splitting into the elders and deacons meeting.

Motion, Support, and vote passed to adjourn this meeting portion.

Closed this portion of the meeting with prayer, the next meeting is to be on 7-9-2024.

### Elders Meeting:

- Donald talked further about some of the items that he wants to start, again expressed interest in a young adult's small group, looking at trying to start around July 18<sup>th</sup>
- Talked about doing a special needs program for parents and kids
- Talked about other small groups that should be started
- Talked about the baptism service that took place
- Bott radio (local Christian radio station) was discussed, this will be a 5-minute message 1 day a week 4 times a month, with a time for identification for the church
- Elders will meet with the mission group before the next consistory meeting

### Deacons Meeting:

#### Accountant update:

- Barb is working with Kendall, Deann, and Water Edge. We have removed the Contributions tracking to reduce the cost and will keep the Servant Keeper program.

#### Facility Needs:

- Handrails for the stage – (Randy Sieck)
- Roof Leak in Gym - (Brett updated)
  - Brett will get two quotes to repair the Roof leak properly.
- Tony will be cleaning the Youth Room and new building area. He has been given a Key to enter at his timing.

#### Parsonage –

- Water filters for the RO system – Keith is looking into
- Backyard Fence – Brandon O is looking into it.

#### Sanctuary -

- Cross update – Cost is \$600 R&R cross, remove current lights, and install LED replacements. It was **APPROVED**.

### Any old business:

#### Grounds

- Tree Trimming around the parking lot is **DONE**.

### New Business:

#### Home School CO-OP

- Shawn spoke with Christy – They are looking at 36 kids from Preschool -14 years old.
  - Would like a quote to use the facility. Gym, and 5 classrooms if possible.
  - Usage would be every Friday from 9:30 – 3:30.
  - They have their own insurance
  - Deacons decided to offer the Gym for \$50 and the additional classrooms at an additional \$50 per usage.

#### Technology:

- Donald and Nat Requesting? New headset system. **Approved \$1200**
- Nat requested a partnership with BOTT Radio. The elders approved the request and presented it to the Deacons for funding. **Approved for 355 /per month.**

#### Facility:

- Brett will purchase a Lock Box for donations to which Barb will have access.

### Approved Purchases for June 2024:

\$1200 Sweetwater head set quote – **Technology Fund**

\$200 to Ken Wahls Photo Booth for Firth Fun Days – **Memorial Fund**

\$600 for Cross lighting update – **Memorial Fund**

\$150 (estimated cost) for Keith to purchase new R.O. Water Filters for the parsonage – **Building**

### Maintenance Fund

\$355 per month to go to BOTT Radio for radio ministry – **Marketing Fund**



Nat Crawford, President of the Consistory



Doug Goering, Clerk of the Consistory