

SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor, Ohio

June 10 & 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Clark Price called the meeting to order on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 5:43 P.M. The Saturday meeting was recessed at 5:50 P.M. until Sunday, June 11, 2023, at 10:34 A.M. when Clark returned the meeting from recess.

PRAYER: Pastor Becky opened the meeting with prayer on Sunday morning.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: To receive Congregation approval for the recommendation from the Property & Maintenance Committee and Church Council to approve the replacement of the Educational Unit Hot Water Heater.

CONSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING MEMBER PRIVILEGES: Clark Price read from the constitution the requirements to be a voting member.

On Sunday, June 11, 2023, Clark presented a recap of the Saturday, June 10, 2023, meeting, that included the above, the motions, questions asked, and the time convened and the time recessed.

PRESENT PROJECT: On Saturday and Sunday, Mike Harder presented the project. Mike stated that in May 2022, the present water heater stopped working and Kaylor Plumbing, Wiring & Heating, Inc. (KPW&H) repaired the water heater at a cost of \$1,506. At that time, KPW&H told the Property and Maintenance Committee (P&M) that the water heater was old and on borrowed time and could fail at any time and/or develop a leak that would damage the kitchen below. Mike explained that the current water heater is housed above the kitchen and does not have any type of containment system should it begin to leak.

The P&M received bids from Campbell Mechanical Services and KPW&H to replace the water heater with a like commercial size water heater. The bid from Campbell was accepted at a cost of \$17,426.00. The bid includes a new containment system in the event of leakage, new valves, and an expansion tank to meet current code. The council, at the May council meeting, voted to recommend that the cost of the water heater not exceed \$20,000 in case of any unforeseen replacement costs.

Clark Price presented the current project funding information. The P&M applied for and received a grant from Endowment Trust Fund, Inc. and received \$9,055 in grant monies in February 2023. That leaves a balance of \$10,945 for the replacement of the water heater. Clark stated that the Capital Improvement Fund currently has a balance of over \$41,000 and can cover the remaining cost.

REQUEST MOTION: On Saturday, Clark requested a motion for approval. Julie Konieczny made a motion to approve the recommendation from the P&M and the congregation council to approve the replacement of the Educational Unit Hot Water Heater at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Larry Gulau seconded the motion. Clark presented the motion to the Sunday meeting attendees.

On Saturday, there was one question: Is the hot water heater gas or electric? The answer was gas and the new hot water heater will have an electronic igniter. Clark presented that question to the Sunday meeting participants with the answer and asked for any other questions. One question was asked: How long will it take

to replace the current hot water heater? Mike stated Campbell Mechanical Services was awaiting our approval to move forward and it should only take a couple of days for the actual replacement.

VOTE: On Saturday, Annette Schmidt from the Nominating committee passed out the ballots and collected them after all questions were asked and everyone had voted. She secured the ballots until the meeting was returned from recess on Sunday. On Sunday, Linda Kohlman and Liz Zelms passed out the ballots and collected them after all questions were asked and everyone had voted. The nominating committee will count the ballots and present the outcome to Clark Price. Clark stated we will present the results of the vote in next week's bulletin and the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT: Clark thanked everyone for their attendance at Saturday's and Sunday's meetings. On Saturday, he recessed the meeting until Sunday, June 11, 2023. On Sunday, Clark asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Ceraldi made a motion to adjourn and Jacob Diebert seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.