***A Christ-centered community***

***welcoming all people and serving God through the Holy Spirit.***

**As our congregation's leaders, we hear the call to be authentic, affirming, and available.**

Council Meeting Agenda for January 21, 2020, at 7:00pm

Council Members present: Pastor Gary Kinkel, Pastor Jerod Freeberg, Sandy McCullough, Jesse Rients, Jim Hime, Jenny Pudwill, Aimee Johnson, Kirsti Youngs, Paula Brennan

Guests: Mike Laurel, Eric Vangsness

**I. Gathering**

1. Call to order 7:00pm Sandy McCullough
2. *Motion to approve agenda: Pastor Gary Kinkel/Paula Brennan; carried.*
3. Scripture and prayer: Pastor Gary Kinkel – The Council in the Word: Acts 12:18-25

**II. Discerning Our Mission**

1. Pastors’ Reports – Pastor Gary and Pastor Jerod each submitted written reports.
* Pastor Gary has received a request for the wedding of a couple who are not members. Proposed a group form to write a policy and list of requirements in order to be married at St. John’s.
* Hazardous liquid has been discovered in the church that needs to be removed.
* Eric Vangsness would like to be nominated as Treasurer with the condition of purchasing Aplos software.
1. Poinsettia funds – there is $300-350 surplus from 2019 to be used for purchasing poinsettias in 2020.
2. Capital Campaign consideration update – Sandy McCullough - There is no cost for an initial meeting with a representative from The James Group and the council and/or the congregation. Sandy suggested perhaps inviting him to the spring retreat meeting.

**III. Giving Thanks**

1. Treasurer’s Report – Jim Hime –

*Motion to approve Treasurer’s Report: Jenny Pudwill/Jesse Rients; carried.*

Next Year’s Budget – Jim Hime –

*Motion to approve 2020 housing allowance as $30,000 for Pastor Gary Kinkel and $24,000 for Pastor Jerod Freeberg. Jenny Pudwill/Jim Hime; carried.*

*Motion to approve proposed 2020 budget reflecting a 15% increase in giving and 5% increase in clergy salaries. Aimee Johnson/Kirsti Youngs; carried. Pastor Gary Kinkel and Pastor Jerod Freeberg recused themselves from the vote.*

1. *Motion to approve council minutes: Jenny Pudwill/Jim Hime; carried.*
2. Request for Team Reports for Annual Report

**IV. Sending**

1. Review action items established—next council meeting date **February 17, 2020**
2. Assign report for newsletter and reports for Annual Report
3. Closing Prayer – Sandy McCullough
4. Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn: Jim Hime/Jenny Pudwill; 9:22pm carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Brennan, Council Secretary

*Meeting Ground Rules: \*Keep it real,\* Everyone participates, \*Different opinions encouraged,*

*\*Disagree in private, \*Unite in public, \* Silence is agreement, \* Limit side conversations, \* Start on time, \*Follow through on action plans.*