

**ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES - APRIL 27, 2023**

Attendance Record

Date: April 27, 2023	Location: St. Mark's Church
Time Started: 18:40	Time Ended: 21:05

Invited	Jan 19	Feb 23	Mar 23	Apr 27								
Brenda Catchpole	P	P	E	P								
Nathan Cook	-	-	-	P								
Sarah Harrington	P	P	P	P								
Signe Jewett (C)	P	P	P	P								
Lynda Joyal (T)	P	E	P	P								
Tom Lewis	-	-	-	P								
Brian Lorch	P	P	P	P								
Inga Skundberg (S)	P	P	P	P								
Jodi Pappel-Reider	-	-	-	P								
Cole Parsons	-	-	-	P								
Mary-Anne Tymm	P	E	A	A								
Kris Wegert	E	P	P	A								
Pastor Zsófi (exofficio)	P	P	-	P								
Guests												
Sheila Matsubara	P											
Kurt Simonsen	P	P										

OPENING DEVOTIONS

PART 1 Review of Survey Comments Workshop

Discussion included the following: on-line community is here to stay as a number of people are not comfortable returning in-person due to cited health concerns and family needs; if people can get the service on-line, how do we bring more people into the building?; decisions required around resources due to limited paid staff, decreased attendance and giving, as well as a small pool of people doing the majority of volunteering; Sunday School attendance larger on-line than in-person; ways to better engage our children, youth and young adults; how to address the time period gap between Sunday School and Confirmation; parishioners typically do not like change as church is a place of history and comfort; the need for social connections; and, the development of new draft Terms of Reference and Committee structures to be referred to Committees for review.

Upon conclusion of Part 1, Brenda Catchpole, Sarah Harrington, and Brian Lorch, whose terms on Council have expired, left the meeting.

PART 2

1. Approval of Agenda
MSC CC-2023-23 That the Agenda be approved.
2. Council Orientation
3. Oath of Confidentiality
4. Election of Officers

The Chair was assumed by Pastor Zsófi.

Nominations were called for the position of Chairperson. Signe Jewett was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Signe Jewett was declared elected by acclamation.

Signe Jewett resumed the Chair.

Nominations were called for the position of Vice-chairperson. Cole Parsons was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Cole Parsons was declared elected by acclamation

Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer. Lynda Joyal was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Lynda Joyal was declared elected by acclamation.

Nominations were called for the position of Secretary. Inga Skundberg was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Inga Skundberg was declared elected by acclamation

5. Signing Officers

MSC CC-2023-24 That Lynda Joyal, Signe Jewett, Tom Lewis and Cole Parsons be granted signing authority on St. Mark's bank accounts effective May 20, 2023.

6. Meeting Calendar for 2023-24:

May 25, 2023
June 22, 2023
August 16, 2023 (Wed) Executive Meeting
September 7, 2023
October 26, 2023
November 16, 2023
December 10, 2023 Budget Meeting
January 25, 2024
February 29, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 21, 2024 AGM

7. New Business - CLAY 2023 Gathering

Nathan Cook declared a Conflict of Interest and left the meeting during discussion of the matter.

Pastor Zsófi advised that the Primary Home Team Leader for the youth groups of Faith, Messiah and St. Mark's Lutheran Churches attending CLAY has had to pull out as primary leader. Nathan Cook, as the co-leader, has now been asked to be the primary leader; however, Council permission is required as primary leaders must be 25 years of age.

MSC CC-2023-25 That Nathan Cook be approved and granted permission to be the Primary Home Team Leader for Clay 2023.

Nathan Cook returned to the meeting.

Adjournment