

## **St. James Board of Elementary Education Minutes**

**October 19, 2020**

**Present:** Kelly Gruenhagen, Mark Luchsinger, Beverly Miller, Mike Sparkman, Pastor Loder, Vicar Dub, Kelly Salmela, Stacey Sparkman

**Call to Order 7 P.M.**

**Opening Devotions-** Vicar Dub

**Call for new business-** Added Childcare update under discussion items

**Approval of September Minutes- Motion- Bev, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike**

**Unfinished Business-** Hot lunch audit and fencing

**Reports-** PTL- Discussed Christmas program, live v. prerecorded, limited seating, and Parent/Teacher conferences. Grandparent's day and Celebrate St. James were postponed until further notice. Craft fair to continue during teacher's conferences. Upcoming yard games in the gym, staff gifts, and Christmas break open gym options being discussed. Billie and Mary Jo are distributing crosses to all kids for reformation. The gala was discussed and last year's items are going to be auctioned prior to expiration dates. The gala is potentially a go in March 2021.

**Athletics-** No Report

**School Budget-** No report

**Administrative Report-** Pastor brought forth several new opportunities for St. James including the Top 20 Program in service staff engaged in. This three-year program expands on how our emotional states impact various decisions and interactions. After a good discussion regarding its components and fees including options if funds are short. **Motion made to commence this program for our staff, students, and administration. Motion- Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike.**

Pastor distributed a folder of information for an opportunity to participate in a program with LSEM, Lutheran Special Education Ministries. LSEM would replace our current offering of utilizing the public school's system with a privately contracted special education teacher which would suit our student's individual needs. Fees would be contingent upon the amount of days contracted.

Our kindergarten aid has found other employment and we are currently looking for additional help. Stacey Sparkman has taken on the role of afternoon paraprofessional.

Staff has concluded that the Christmas concert will go on as immediate family only.

Landscaping/Maintenance- The main entryway could use some landscaping, now moved to spring.

**Childcare update-** Stacey Sparkman presented current daycare situation and stimulus program funds we can anticipate for the last three months of 2020.

**Executive Session**

**Motion to Adjourn- Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> Bev and Closing Prayer**

**Respectfully Submitted, Kelly Gruenhagen**