

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 16th, 2007 6:45pm

Present: Michael Jordan, Sue Wyatt, Dave Peppler, Bill Wallace, Mara Berndt, Chris Coffey, Sue Comer, Scott Conderman, Gary Foti, Mike Patchen, Gary Schwartzbauer, Sarah Schwartzbauer (Pastor was attending his Seminary Convocation in Philly)

Next meeting: May 21st, 2007 6:45pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Sue Comer led the devotional reading 1 Corinthians 13 “So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love“. “Hopeful people are resilient, Hope brings Promises”. A quorum was declared and the minutes from March’s meeting were approved with one minor change (Adam to Alan).

II. Reports

- Financial Report – Operational budget for 2007 is on track. Appeal giving has *exceeded* the pledges given three years ago! Sue Comer suggested we publish the actual vs. budgeted amounts for the operational and Appeal budgets in the weekly bulletin. Dave Peppler is keeping the checking account at a comfortable \$10K. **MOTION** to allow Dave Peppler to transfer monies from the Memorial and/or Heritage accounts as he feel is needed and to report this transfer activity to the Church Council monthly was **APPROVED**. Dave also reported that after a careful review of past years’ monetary transactions he found everything in order with no problems to be concerned about. An official regular audit of church records will be completed by Don Bennet next month. **MOTION** to accept financial report **APPROVED**.
- Pastor – **MOTION** that Colin Dahlberg and Alysa Johnson be confirmed on May 20th, 2007 was **APPROVED**. Discussion around proposal to have Holy Communion every time we worship. Council would like the Worship & Music committee to have further discussions and organize a Congregational survey to gather more information and feedback.

III. Old Business - Updates

- Kairos Update – All is going smoothly and on pace. Advance giving meetings have gone well.
- Insurance meeting Update – Bill Wallace and Pastor met with Alan Timmerman, who will be getting back to us on a building appraisal. In 2009, our building insurance will be up for review and renewal which will no doubt increase our annual payment. We may wish to increase our deductible to reduce our overall cost; Council will wait for the appraisal before holding that discussion. Bill Wallace will look into if we indeed have mortgage insurance or not. Chris Coffey has offered to create a “walkthrough” video inventory of the church and its contents for insurance purposes.
- Isaac Heating has been paid **J**
- St. Paul’s needs Synod Assembly delegates for June 3rd – 5th (Sunday – Tuesday)

IV. New Business

- I Wish/I Want – Property & Maintenance addressed several issues on the List, most of which were concerns about the heat in the building. **MOTION** to have Property & Maintenance assume control of the thermostats based on the set temperature points outlined in their report was **APPROVED**. Other areas addressed were projected long-term maintenance expenditures, more furniture, snow removal, and facility usage. Soft copies of the *I Wish/I Like* list will be made available to Council Members and posted on the Council web page.
- Tim Hammer is interested in helping/teaching Sunday School next year **J**
- Thanks to Ron Uhlig for setting up the PowerPoint presentation in the Foyer.
- The phone in the upstairs kitchen will be turned on MUTE!
- Council will look to use an “Action Register” for future meetings and will be maintained by the Recording Secretary and will be made available along with the monthly minutes.