

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 18th, 2007, 6:45 pm

Present: Mara Berndt, Gary Foti, Mike Patchen, Bill Wallace, Sarah Schwartzbauer, Gary Schwartzbauer, Pastor Hedin, Scott Conderman, Michael Jordan, Sue Comer, Dave Pepler, and Rob Laird was our guest

Next meeting: August 6th, 2007, 6:45 pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Mike Patchen led the devotional reading the story “Recognition – Pass it on” which reminded us that who we are makes a difference. A quorum was declared and the minutes from May’s meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports and Review of ACTION REGISTER (separate document)

- Finance – Continues to be a very positive year with giving up, bills being paid, the Synod is happy with St. Paul’s, and the deficit is closing. Dave Pepler will be out of town later this month but assured all the bills would be paid prior.
- Pastor – Council viewed a short video on the current Synod. Provided a list of names for consideration to join Mutual Ministries. He encouraged us to continue to support VBS and LCLC. There is a Katrina help opportunity for those interested in traveling to the region to assist in rebuilding. A **MOTION** to provide a \$100 Home Depot card donated for Katrina relief and rebuilding, taken from Memorial Funds was **APPROVED**.
- Church Office – To reduce mailing costs, the office will be sending postcards to members currently on the mailing list who with NOT to receive a copy of the Link each month. We have renewed our telephone directory listing with a slightly reduced emphasis due to the fact that most new members will discover us on the internet versus the phonebook. Summer office hours will continue as normal.

III. Old Business - Updates

- Assistant Minister of Music meeting – Rob Laird was kind enough to join the Council to discuss the position of Assistant Minister of Music, the job description, and salary – the meeting was purely to meet together to gather information and come to a common understanding. It was very helpful to hear Rob describe his perceived role as Assistant Minister of Music and Council now has the appropriate understanding to engage in further conversation and clarification.
- **MOTION** for the Finance Committee to develop an Endowment Fund charter for St. Paul’s to be reviewed by Council was **APPROVED**.
- Worship and Music will continue to educate the congregation this summer as we move to offer Communion at each service.
- The Summer Fellowship sign-up sheet was filled out completely **J**
- Appeal and Operations update – The congregation has pledged 64% of the target goal for the Appeal and 74% of the target for the operational budget. We have 15 – 20 new pledges for the Appeal than we did three years ago **J**. **MOTION** to authorize the treasurer to pay down the St. Paul’s mortgage principle from the Heritage mortgage account with payments made in logical movements of \$10K, \$25K, \$50K while maintaining a minimum of \$100K in account at all times was **APPROVED**. It was again stressed that we have a need to develop an additional funding plan for large maintenance projects that exist.

IV. New Business

- The Summer Golf Outing will be on September 27th at Victor Hills with a rain date to be set in October.
- **MOTION** to purchase an AED for St. Paul’s with funds taken from the Memorial Fund was **APPROVED**.