

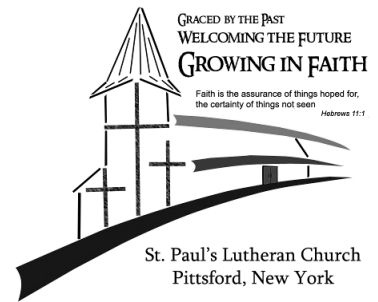
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

May 21st, 2007 6:45pm

Present: Mara Berndt, Gary Foti, Bill Wallace, Sarah Schwartzbauer, Michael Jordan, Sue Wyatt, Pastor Hedin, Scott Conderman, Mike Patchen, Gary Schwartzbauer

Next meeting: June 18th, 2007 6:45pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Gary Foti led the devotional reading a wonderful and moving parable called “Happy Easter – A Message of Reflection” how a professor’s lesson, using donuts and push-ups of all things, taught his students to reflect and accept the ultimate gift that Jesus has given us all. A quorum was declared and the minutes from April’s meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports

- Financial Report – at the time of this meeting, several pledge forms for the Appeal and 2007 Operational budget have not been turned in yet, but good progress was noted (67% of budget and 56% of Appeal goals pledged). If all goes as planned we will be able to pay down a substantial amount of debt toward the mortgage. \$10K was transferred to checking account this month. Current regular giving is up and overall Capital Project giving is on track as well. It was decided that only Income vs. Expenditures would be published monthly in church related publications. In reviewing the Synod Report of Church Giving, St’ Paul’s does very well.
- Pastor – Pastor reminded us that God continues to provide for victims of hurricane Katrina. A reminder for Council Members to sign up to sponsor a Summer Sunday Fellowship opportunity. Encourage youth to check out LCLC, it is truly a wonderful experience. Consider how we can continue to “Go Green” at St. Paul’s – a long range planning committee will need to address future resource issues.

III. Old Business - Updates

- I Like/I Wish – Congregation and Membership list reviewed. The LYO has organized several family and fellowship events this year already which address the Wishes listed. The eternal question is “how do we get more people involved?”

IV. New Business

- Sunday School – Carole Sack is “retiring” from her position as Co-Superintendent. Scott Conderman will remain as Superintendent. There will be several meetings with parents and teachers in June to prepare for the coming school year covering topics of curriculum, class configuration, and how to best maximize the positive effects of the new Puppet Ministry and puppet stage.
- Furniture Foyer/Landscaping Dedication – On September 16th we will formally acknowledge and dedicate the gifts of the furniture and outside landscaping, placing names in the dedication book, possibly creating a labeled pictorial representation of the landscaping and foyer gifts with family and/or group names.
- LYO – Sarah Schwartzbauer delivered a proposal for a paint design that would be painted and signed handprints of LYO members to act as a border on the walls of the Youth Lounge. Council agreed to the proposal without a formal motion. Property and Maintenance agreed to help with the paint selection and oversight if necessary.
- Endowment Fund Charters – Bill Wallace formally began an initiative to look at the possibility of setting up an Endowment Fund opportunity at St. Paul’s. He brought several examples of Endowment Charters; Council decided to take time next meeting to review them and decide on the next course of action. Bill gave us a few things to think about concerning Endowment Funds: Sunday morning offerings will not support everything you *want* to do as a church, encourage people to remember the church in their will, and be sure that we are not too restrictive in the *language* of the Charter so we are able to use the funds with more flexibility.
- Assistant Minister of Music – Rob Laird submitted a rough job description and asked for further clarification. He will be invited to a future Council meeting to discuss his questions. Council noted that ALL paid positions need updated job descriptions; using most current descriptions as starting point.