

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

November 20th, 2006 6:45pm



Present: Sue Wyatt, Gary Schwartzbauer, Sarah Schwartzbauer, Chris Coffey, Gary Foti, Bill Wallace, Scott Conderman, Dave Pepler, Mara Berndt, Michael Jordan, Pastor Jeff Hedin

Next meeting: December 18th 2006

I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Bill Wallace led us in a devotional reminding us to be thankful everyday. A quorum was declared and the minutes from October's meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports

- Financial Report – Income remains up, expenses are down, the deficit should be greatly lower than projected. 1st Kairos payment toward 2nd appeal campaign has been made. \$10K has been donated by the Wegman's family to go toward the renovation of the downstairs kitchen! We have received about 1/3 of the funds needed for new the new Hymnals. The Martini family funds have been gratefully received and \$10K will be used toward landscaping and a new outside bench.
- Office Report – Christmas decorations in the grand foyer will be limited to a tree, wreaths on the doors and a few free-standing displays. **MOTION** to have Mara oversee the decoration of the foyer **APPROVED**. We still are in need for volunteers for the Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services. All Council annual reports are due by Dec 31st to Janet.
- Pastor Report – Thank you to all who helped with this month's activities: Holiday Bazaar, LYO Harvest Dinner. Old hymnals should be taken by congregation members; especially those hymnals that have a dedication imprinted on them. We need to start to think about members that can lead church services on Sundays when Pastor is on vacation. We are in a good place compared to other churches in our area but we must keep vigilant to our mission.

III. Old Business

- Sign – Deposit has been made & historical board has approved the design. How the sign will be lit still needs to be addressed.
- Kairos – Team met with Reverend Rene for 2nd time and the Executive Team is moving forward. The goal is to eliminate our operations deficit while keeping our Capital project giving up.
- Mural – Presentation in progress. **MOTION** to approve the completion of the LYO mural in youth lounge with the understanding that there will be an understanding an adult will be present at all times during the painting process **APPROVED**.
- Furniture – The partial order has been made, all except the 2 wing-back chairs and some chairs around the tables. This order should be here sometime mid-December.
- Exterior painting – Estimate still stands at \$25K. Working on the possibility of using Snyder Funds. Mara will look into further discussions..
- Budget Process – December 5th finance meeting will begin developing the 2007 budget framework.
- Council membership needs – Gary S., Sarah S., and Mike J. will be ending their first 3 yr terms and intend to stay on council. Dave Pepler will continue to act as treasurer. Sue C. will look into finding a replacement as she will not be able to attend meetings next year.

IV. New Business

- Bell Tower – We are looking for families to help with the ringing of the church bells 10 minutes prior to church services J
- Pastor Judy visit – Council will suggest that she visit on December 24th.
- Mara suggested the ideas of allowing younger children to assist in acolyting and ushering perhaps with parents helping as well as allowing these children to be involved with LYO.