

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

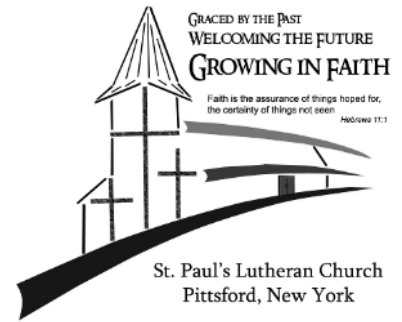
Meeting Minutes

DATE: April 27th 2009 – 6:45pm

Present:

Dave Pepler, Mara Berndt, Ron Uhlig, Gary Foti, Bill Wallace, Kathy Silverman, Gary Schwartzbauer, Mike Patchen, Scott Conderman, and Olivia Holodnik (LYO representative)

Next meeting: May 18th 2009 – 6:45pm



I. **Beginning Business**

Introduction – A quorum was declared and the minutes from the March meeting were approved with one edit.

II. **Reports & Action Plan review (separate document)**

Action Plan Review – After thought and conversation, we may be steering toward keeping the Capital Fund and the Operating Budget separate. More discussion will continue throughout the year. There have been no new Congregational Questionnaires returned to add to the existing data. The Growth Committee agreed to explore and begin researching alternate advertising options for St. Paul's (Yellow Pages vs. airport, online, and other).

Financial Report – Income vs. expenditures are about on budget for the year. A discussion continued clarifying the differences in each of the church accounts and how each is used and for what purposes. A discussion followed to explore better ways to communicate to the Congregation around what the consequences of running a deficit budget each year are, how long we can sustain running a deficit, and what might be cut in the future. What would a new Building Appeal Stewardship Program look like in 2010?

Pastor's Report – Thank you all for a wonderful Easter! **MOTION** to accept Laura Patchen as Deacon of St. Paul's to be installed on May 31st at 8:30am service was **APPROVED**. **MOTION** to approve the following confirmands; Elizabeth Amirana, Ben Burdett, Sydney Flemister, Olivia Holodnik, Casey Kallman, and Maggie Kolcon was **APPROVED**. Mara B. will make announcements at the June 21st Father's Day service while Pastor is out; Rev. Nissa Deibler will lead the Service. We are looking for Synod delegates for this year and Ron Uhlig has agreed to participate.

Office Report – Chris Coffey will deliver the May Council devotional. Ron Uhlig will explore new office copier options with Janet. Eileen Whitaker is coordinating the pictorial directory and will have new information for the congregation soon.

Growth Committee Report – Monday, May 11th will be the first meeting of the growth Committee. They will explore ways to increase membership at St. Paul's effectively. We need to invite friends and neighbors to church EVENTS not just the service.

III. **New Business - Updates**

Pampered Chef – Items for the downstairs kitchen will be listed for purchase on May 31st.

MOTION to appoint Jori Cincotta as a Church Council member replacing Sue Comer was **APPROVED**.