

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

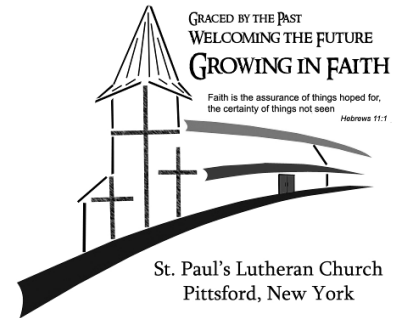
Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 14th 2009 – 6:45pm

Present:

Dave Pepler, Mara Berndt, Ron Uhlig, Gary Foti, Gary Schwartzbauer, Pastor Hedin, Bill Wallace, Chris Coffey, Mike Patchen, Mike Jordan, Scott Conderman

Next meeting: January 18th 2010 – 6:45pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Ron Uhlig eloquently explained the meaning behind the Council Computer password. It is from the story of Jesus telling his disciples to distribute the loaves and the fishes to the people. We, the Council, are seen as God's disciples organizing the processes of distributing physical food to those in need as well as spiritual food to our congregation and to others who would accept it. A quorum was declared and the minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.
 - A **MOTION** to donate \$250 in ground beef to the Pittsford Food Pantry to be delivered in January was **APPROVED**.

II. Reports

- Financial Report – A review of the financial report, produced by the tireless efforts of the Finance Committee, along with preliminary data received from the Stewardship drive pledges and a significant one-time donation from a congregation member, finalized an Austerity Budget with an estimated \$11K deficit.

A **MOTION** to accept the revised 2010 Austerity Budget with the following stipulations:

1. That the Envelope line of income be increased to \$178,000 to include a majority of the estimated pledge increases and the anonymous \$10,000 donation for 2010,
2. That the Synod Benevolence line be frozen at the \$33,178 limit (13.3%) until we are more accurately aware of our financial position during 2010 and reviewed by Council quarterly,
3. That the Council review all finances carefully each month to ensure we continue to balance Capital appeal funds, ensure sufficient funds are available to pay the annual operations expenses, and that a savings "buffer" is achieved for 2010 operations,
4. and that given the above the Council revisit the Synod Benevolence line throughout the year and increase the giving as we are able, the 14% of the total operating receipts budget line.

and **AMENDED** to increase the envelope line to balance the budget was **APPROVED**.

- Pastor's Report – Thanks to all who will participate and help out this Christmas! Pastor's housing allowance for 2010 will be \$30,000.00. A **MOTION** to accept Jeff and Holly Haynes (twins), and Cliff and Jeanne Stewart (Abby, Ben) as new members was **APPROVED**.
- Office Report – Christmas Eve ushers are still needed for the 2nd service. See Janet if you can help. All council members should have their annual reports to Janet by December 27th.

III. Old Business - Updates

- New Payroll Company – Mara presented her very thorough research of the other possible payroll companies for us to consider. A **MOTION** to allow Mara to make the final decision after face to face meetings with the different companies was **APPROVED**.
- New Council Members – a list of possible Council members to fill empty seats next year was brainstormed and Council members divided up the list and will contact each to generate interest and nominations.

IV. New Business

- Painting Finances – An action item to adjust the miscellaneous receipts and expenditures to more accurately represent painting costs for 2009 was suggested.