

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

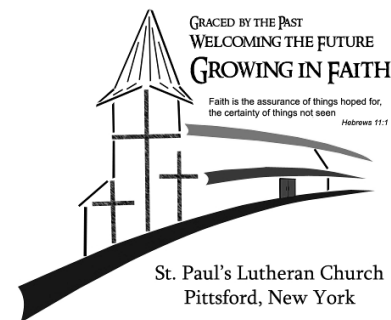
Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 20th 2009 – 6:45pm at the Berndt home!

Present:

Mike Jordan, Jori Cincotta, Pastor Hedin, Gary Foti, Dave Pepler, Bill Wallace, Mara Berndt, Ron Uhlig, Gary Schwartzbauer, Kathy Silverman, Mike Patchen, and Scott Conderman

Next meeting: September 28th 2009 – 6:35pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – A big Thank You to the Berndts for hosting tonight's meeting in their beautiful home! Mike Jordan gave an emotional telling of a true story from a cancer survivor's experience at a professional golf match. A quorum was declared and the minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports & Action Plan review

- Financial Report –
 - Letters were sent to congregation members who were behind in their pledged giving to the Capital Appeal. Additional reporting of the breakdown of how many members have given at each level was also made available.
 - There was then a discussion about how to incorporate more direct measures we could take to encourage new members to begin giving to the Capital Appeal as well as the general Operating Fund. Bill W. will be putting together a list of potential new members (with St. Paul's for at least one year) and we will outline a plan to meet with them in groups or 1-to-1 to explain the vision and process.
 - We will continue to strongly encourage members to utilize Simply Giving.
 - A **MOTION** to authorize the Council Treasurer to temporarily transfer up to \$10K, as necessary, into the checkbook for operating expenses from the Dedicated Heritage Fund was **APPROVED**.
 - Dave P asked for a volunteer to be an additional participant to witness and assist in the annual audit.
 - A lively discussion continued as to how we can create a "ballpark" estimate as to how we are doing toward the year end budget goals. It was decided that a quarterly projection was reasonable.
- Office Report – The 125th Anniversary of our Sanctuary Celebration will take place on September 6th, along with the Property and Maintenance Fellowship after the service. Ron U. will put some historical information together. Please be sure to check the list of important upcoming events and let Janet know if there are any changes or additions.