

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

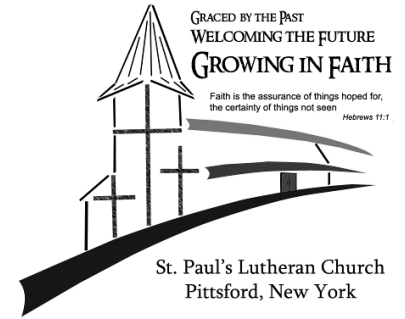
Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 15th 2009 – 6:45pm

Present:

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

Next meeting: July 20th 2009 – 6:45pm at the Berndt's home!



I. Beginning Business

Introduction – Pastor led the devotional reading from Tim Russert's, *Wisdom of Our Fathers*; the message being as fathers, we need to be sure we "are there" for our children. The Council welcomed Jori Cincotta as the newest member of Council. A quorum was declared and the minutes from the May meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports & Action Plan review (separate document)

Financial Report – An audit is being scheduled for later this year. We continue to receive a higher income than budgeted and slightly lower expenditures than budgeted. We are in a good place and we continued the discussion about different ways to close the deficit. We will continue to remind the congregation of the gap as well as reminders to consider *Simply Giving*.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Many happy things are happening this month. Nissa Deibler will be leading services on June 21st. Please continue to wear your nametags as we have lots of new faces coming to church recently. Janet is now officially a US citizen. Congratulations Janet!

Office Report – There are still 5 groups that need to sponsor Summer Fellowship Sundays. Perhaps Kindermusic or DramaKids would like to sponsor?

III. Old Business - updates

Proposal for new photocopier lease – A **MOTION** to lease a 353 Machine copier for 5 years, 3500 copies/month at a cost of \$189/month was **APPROVED**.

Yellow Pages directory listing – A **MOTION** to use only the free listing in the Yellow Pages directory was **APPROVED**. Most of our new members found us through our church website. It will save the church \$1,326 annually.

III. New Business

Fall Stewardship Campaign – Mike Jordan reviewed some Fall Stewardship options. KLW was the method/consultant used last year. Jori voiced her outside Council perspective and mentioned that so many stewardship talks in a row were a bit much. Perhaps spreading it out would be more effective. Pastor supported the idea of holding several small group discussions. Jori also suggested that we have a goal & show numbers or percentage of members who are utilizing *Simply Giving*. Other ideas included a cross section of congregation members telling Emotional Stories leading to the theme of the *Joy of Giving*. Joyful Stories → Joyful Participation → Joyful Giving.