

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

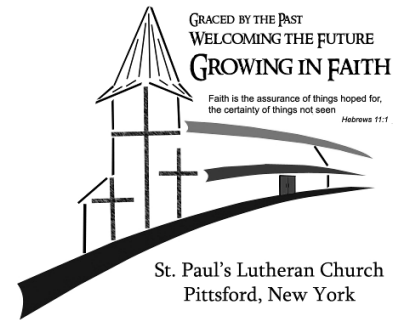
Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 16th 2009 – 6:45pm

Present:

Mara Berndt, Gary Foti, Pastor Hedin, Gary Schwartzbauer, Ron Uhlig, Mike Patchen, Scott Conderman, and Erica Berndt (LYO representative)

Next meeting: April 27th 2008 – 6:45pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Mara led the devotional sharing a photo and a story about the beach and the ocean at the Outer Banks, connecting the size and depth of the ocean and universe to God's power of creation. A quorum was declared and the minutes from February's meeting were approved as written

II. Reports & Action Plan review (separate document)

- Action Plan Review – The Annual Action Items were reviewed. New topics included talks about merging the Capital Appeal budget into the Operating Budget, review and action on the Congregational Questionnaire data, and procedure for utilizing the new laptop projector.
- Financial Report – So far so good. Income is slightly higher and expenses slightly lower than budget. The Financial report was accepted as written.
- Pastor's Report – Pray first and always as more and more congregations are feeling the effects of the recession. Strongly consider volunteering and supporting the RAIHN program; see Jen Canning for more information. Please volunteer during Holy Week!
- Office Report – Eileen Whitaker is coordinating the pictorial directory. Senior Celebration Sunday is May 17th and we will begin archiving anecdotal St. Paul's information in preparation for our 150th Anniversary.

III. Old Business - Updates

- Questionnaire Summary – Reviewed data from Congregational Questionnaire and desire to get more of our younger members to complete the survey at Soup with Council this Sunday.
- Projector Recommendations – Ron Uhlig did some research and recommends a laptop projector suitable for conference room presentations to start. Additional projectors capable of projecting long distances in the Sanctuary may come later. A **MOTION** was made to purchase an Epson EX50 for \$600 to be paid from the Dedicated Fund was **APPROVED**.

IV. New Business

- Council Open Forum – Soup & Service topics may include topics such as: growth of LYO, Spaghetti Dinner, 8 is Great, Questionnaire results (or lack of), individual member profile and summary of job description and committee liaison.

V. Other Information

- Upstate Synod Update – Pastor was in Buffalo and heard about the State of the Synod in NY. An office in Buffalo was forced to close mainly due to advances in technology but also because the Synod has a \$150 K deficit in their budget due to churches not being able to contribute their annual pledged amount. St. Paul's is in a good place, but clearly not everyone is doing as well as we are. How can we continue to help and support? Do not fall into complacency; we must continue to be motivated and constantly improve.