

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

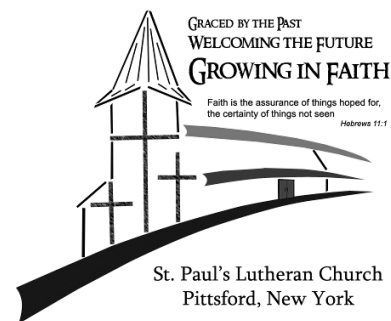
Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 18th 2009 – 6:45pm

Present:

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

Next meeting: June 15th 2009 – 6:45pm



I. **Beginning Business**

Introduction – Chris Coffey shared a reading that reflected on his most recent family concerns and assured us that we, as God's children, were not meant for a life of suffering but for a life of fulfillment and grace. A quorum was declared and the minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

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

Financial Report – We continue to stay close to our budgeted amounts for income and expenditures but we are often reminded of the \$45K deficit we continue to carry. It was commented that last year we ran a similar deficit and ended the year with only a \$13K difference. If this year is similar to last, how can we close this gap with 6 months left in this year? A **MOTION** to approve the delay of the purchase of Giving Envelopes for next year until we get feedback from the stewardship committee as to their plans for combining the Capital and Operating Budgets was **APPROVED**.

Pastor's Report – Pastor asked the Council to think about how we might be able to support LCLC in their need for financial assistance for a new water treatment system. Pastor will be on vacation June 21st and August 23rd and an additional date TBD. Laura Patchen will be delivering the Service on the August date. A **MOTION** to receive potential new members: Jeff & Kathryn Kurzrock; Jon & Michelle Graupman; Craig & Lynn Dahl, Norma Ogley, Dave and Eileen Yates, The Glen Fjermedal Family; Bryan & Tracy Fitzharris; Yvonne Powell -Hein; Scott & Mindy Brown; Joan Scardino; Gail Kane; William & Mary Alice Edwards was **APPROVED**.

Growth Committee Report – The Growth committee found two areas to focus on initially (1) Get small groups to participate in diverse activities outside of the church services, and (2) Look at alternative Service ideas. In order to streamline Council effectiveness they also asked, "What is our effectiveness? Are we the congregation's teachers? Is Council a top-down governing body or more of a bottom-up structure for getting things done? and Where do we focus the Council efforts for greatest effectiveness?"

Office Report – The Pictorial Directory is scheduled from Tuesday October 13th through October 17th. There will be online options as well. The Chicken BBQ will be held August 30th; Dick Podeska is coordinating the event. Please support the CWS blanket appeal that is coming up. Please sign up for a Summer Sunday Fellowship Sunday to sponsor with your group(s).

III. **New Business**

Proposal for new photocopier lease – The question is, "How many copies DO we make in a month?" and "Are there other additional plans with a smaller copy count or fewer years in the lease?" A **MOTION** to postpone the decision on the photocopier lease until we determine the exact monthly copy count and well as collect more information on additional lease options with fewer years was **APPROVED**.

Summer Council Meeting – The summer council meeting is scheduled for July 20th, with no meeting in August. More details to follow.

External Church painting – A proposal to paint the west facing walls at a cost of \$5175 is included in the Property and Maintenance 2009 budget and will be completed this summer.

III. **Old Business - Updates**

Congregational Questionnaire – No new questionnaires have been handed in so we will now begin categorizing comments for review.