

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 28th 2009 – 6:35pm

Present:

Gary Schwartzbauer, Ron Uhlig, Chris Coffey, Gary Foti, Mike Jordan, Pastor Hedin, Jori Cincotta, Kathy Silverman, Mike Patchen, and Scott Conderman

Next meeting: October 19th 2009 – 6:45pm



I. **Beginning Business**

Introduction – Pastor read from Matthew 11 speaking of “carrying yokes”. Jesus has assigned tasks and burdens on us not because He is vengeful but because He knows that we are each capable of handling the weight. A quorum was declared and the minutes from the Summer meeting were approved with one minor date change.

II. **Reports & Action Plan review**

Mutual Ministry Report – Is asking for people to volunteer as “Wranglers” to help gather volunteers assigned for duties during the Service. They recommended that Council Members volunteer first.

Financial Report – Our finances continue to look good; giving and attendance are up, expenses are down. Council agreed we need to be discretionary when spending funds and preparing individual budgets for next year. The discussion continued, exploring further ways to present a balanced budget while maintaining healthy mortgage payments for years to come.

Pastor Report – Pastor shared information about St. John’s Green House initiative. Troop 167 has been meeting at St. Paul’s for 45 years now! Pastor will be in Philadelphia on 11/22; Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson will lead worship.

Office Report – Church Council open forum will take place between services on Oct. 25th. We must begin inviting others to consider Council positions for next year as we will be losing many Council seats next year.

III. **Old Business**

Stewardship Outline – We will be implementing the Stewardship Committee’s outline for communicating giving needs for the coming year. A series of inspirational talks will be given during the November services, leading up to November 22nd, Commitment Sunday. Information in the Link, Sunday Bulletins and emails will also be distributed. Ron Uhlig will create the opportunity for members to complete pledges online as well.

IV. **New Business**

Organ Repairs – Parsons Organ recommended that we spend \$1,540 to fix some sticking keys on the organ. It was decided to forgo the fix until next fiscal year and include the fix as a line item in the budget for approval.

Paychex Recommendations – Gary S. will re-hang the labor law poster. We will print I9 forms needed from the IRS website. John Harris will be contacted to look at the employee handbook.

Habitat for Humanity – A **MOTION** to give a gift of \$600 in 2010 to Flower City Habitat for Humanity for building a home in Rochester was **APPROVED**.

Seminary Appeal – Pastor suggested considering giving additional funds toward the Seminary and be included as a budget line for next year.

V. **Other Business**

Mike P. will draft a thank you letter to Chris Coffey for his work organizing and producing the VBS video piece featured on YNN Rochester. A big Thank you to both Chris Coffey and Elizabeth Conderman on their great work on VBS this past year!