

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 21st 2008 – 6:45pm

Present:

Mara Berndt, Dave Pepler, Bill Wallace, Chris Coffey, Gary Schwartzbauer, Gary Foti, Pastor Hedin, Sue Wyatt, Mike Patchen, Mike Jordan, Scott Conderman

Next meeting: February 11th 2008 – 6:45pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – Devotional given by Mara Berndt who reflected on the recent loss of a family member and how hard times like these can also be a blessing and a bonding time for families. A quorum was declared and the minutes from December's meeting were approved as written.

II. Reports & Action Plan review (separate document)

- Review of Financial Statements and 2007 Annual Report – Bill W. reviewed the final finance figures to be presented in the Annual Report. St. Paul's managed to close the deficit to only \$9,275. In addition we were able to pay down the mortgage principle by \$100K which has reduced our interest amount and reduced the number of months needed to pay off the mortgage. A **MOTION** to give a benevolence of \$100 given to the Elderberry Express which will come out of the 2008 Community Benevolence budget was **APPROVED**. FAQ's and "Good News Facts" were written to be distributed at the Annual Meeting.
- Pastor's Report – The date for the Council Retreat and Installation will be the next Council meeting, Feb 11th. A big thank you to Sue Wyatt for her 6 years of service on Church Council. It was her seed that was planted many years ago asking to increase the size of the Nursery that eventually led to all our wonderful new renovations... our church and congregation are healthy ☺
- Church Office Report – A **MOTION** to donate our additional check for \$273 toward our \$1000 pledge for the 2008 Thrivent Builds Habitat House was **APPROVED**.

III. Old Business - Updates

- Sexton update – Council reviewed a proposal from the hiring committee. A **MOTION** to allow the Property & Maintenance hiring committee to make the final decision on officially filling the Sexton with an **AMMENDMENT** to ensure the Property & Maintenance hiring committee use the same hiring process if the current two candidates both decline an offer were both **APPROVED**.
- Mara reported on the money and food donated to the Open Door Mission and the Pittsford Food Pantry where our donations were greatly needed and appreciated. An Annual Action Item was created to donate ground beef/meat in December of each year to the Pittsford Food Pantry as their meat supply is always quite low after the Holiday season.

IV. New Business

- Pastor Judy Mission Update – Pastor Judy will complete her service in Argentina at the end of January 2008. Council is tabling the decision continuing our support for her until we find out where she is headed next.