

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 10th 2008 – 6:45pm

Present:

Mara Berndt, Chris Coffey, Gary Foti, Bill Wallace, Pastor Hedin, Kathy Silverman, Scott Conderman, Sue Comer, Dave Pepler, Mike Patchen, Gary Schwartzbauer

Next meeting: April 21st 2008 – 6:45pm



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction – The Devotional was led by Chris Coffey who read from an article called the “20-Minute Workout”, which reminded us that just as we make time for improving our physical health through exercise we should also make time each week for improving our spiritual health as well. 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 – Work continues on the information for the Endowment Fund. The AED is available for immediate use however it does not yet fit in the wall-mount while in the case. Other options for training ushers are still being discussed. Mike Jordan will now assist in defining the Stewardship process.
- Financial Report – The financial numbers are on target with the budget and the building project giving continues to meet budget as well. It is too early in the year to determine any long range financial predictions but so far so good. We should be able to make another \$25K payment toward the principle by the end of March. Possible dates for Thrivent to hold financial seminars for congregation members will be reviewed. Pastor will be contacting John Harris to inquire about Canandaigua Bank’s distribution percentages and the fund management procedures of the Snyder Memorial Fund.
- Pastor’s Report – Thank you to all who made the Italian Café Night such a spectacular success! We need delegates again for the Synod Assembly Conference June 8-10. Pastor will need coverage on May 4th while he is on vacation.
- Church Office Report – There is a need for back-up Council members to collect the offerings each week and place them in the safe.

III. New Business

- Sunday vacancy coverage – We, as well as many other churches in the area, are finding it harder and harder to find qualified Pastors to cover during Sundays while their Pastors are on vacation. Kathy Silverman led us through several options that Worship and Music have been exploring. Some of the options are to have a Methodist Pastor, David Dubois cover once in a while. Al Herpich has agreed to help out on one Sunday but is only able to perform one service, not two. Another is to have the LYO cover or other church organizations such as Council. As of now, Kathy will have David Dubois contact Pastor to set up his guest pastor appearance on May 4th. There will be no Communion distributed that Sunday. Al Herpich will lead the June 22nd single service. Fall solutions will be explored at a later date.
- Organ repair proposal – Worship and music presented an extensive proposal of needed organ repairs from Parsons pipe Organ Builders. After review, Council made a **MOTION** to have ITEM#1 D.C. Power Supply be paid for by Friends of Music, ITEM#3 Cleaning and ITEM#4 Swell 8’ Holz-Gedeckt Tuning Adjustors will be paid with \$9,365 from the St. Paul’s Memorial Fund, with the suggestion that over the next 3 years Friends of Music look to raise the funds to pay for ITEM#2 Swell Volume Shutter Motor and ITEM#5 Quintadena Voicing, while Council will consider utilizing additional Memorial Funds as well as dedicated donations in the next three years to pay for ITEM#6 Temperament Change was **APPROVED**.
- Exterior church painting – Property and Maintenance will put together a section by section proposal with estimates for painting and a possible schedule. Fund raising options and information will then be produced.

IV. Updates and Additional Information

- Mara asked for volunteers from the Congregation that would be interested in joining the Fellowship Committee. This group already has many great ideas and opportunities planned for the year.
- Kathy reviewed the worship settings for Holy Week with Council.
- A **MOTION** to move the “I Like/I Wish” portion of the Council meeting to earlier in the agenda and break it down into smaller pieces was **APPROVED**.