

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: June 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 – 6:45pm

### Present:

Mara Berndt, Dave Peppler, Bill Wallace, Gary Schwartzbauer, Sarah Schwartzbauer, Mike Patchen, Gary Foti, Scott Conderman, Kiki Coffey (for husband Chris Coffey), Mike Jordan

Next meeting: August 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 – 6:00pm at the Berndt residence (bring dish to pass)

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### I. **Beginning Business**

Introduction – The Devotional was led by Mike Patchen retelling a recent event in his life that reminded him that we “should always focus on what is really important”. A quorum was declared and the minutes from May’s meeting were approved as written.

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

Action Plan Review – Develop an Endowment Fund Pledge Letter or “Wish Commitment” that congregation members would write and submit to establish an unofficial collective Endowment Fund amount. This unofficial pledge amount could be used as a further marketing tool for future contributions and incentive for members to legally change their final wishes for donations to the church Endowment Fund. “Are you trained to use an AED?” announcements will begin on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with awareness and training sessions to be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. We will tentatively schedule Thrivent to come in and present another financial seminar on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September. Added to the *Annual Action Items* list was for Church Committees to prepare and submit their annual budget needs by the last Sunday in October.

Financial Report – We still are in a good place financially. We have paid down the principle on the mortgage to the point where our monthly payments are about half interest and half principle. The appropriate Council members have been added/removed from the checking account permission list.

Pastor’s Report – Property & Maintenance will decide where and how to store the choir robes near the choir loft. David Dubois will be leading worship on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Al Herpich and Laura Patchen will be leading on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please wear your nametags and greet all our visitors this summer ☺

Office Report – There was a request for \$1,114 for hymnal ribbons. Council tabled this request until next meeting for research and discussion. Fellowship Sundays will be sponsored by Sunday school teachers on August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Jones Family on July 20<sup>th</sup> and by the Stewardship Committee on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### III. **Old Business - Updates**

Likes/wishes Review – Next meeting the Fellowship Committee will review the Likes and Wishes pertaining to their group.

### IV. **New Business**

Sexton Position – Jason has recently resigned as church sexton for a new job with a better position. The Council wishes him well. P&M will establish a temporary plan for cleaning the church and work with the Mutual Ministry committee to reach a more permanent solution.

There has been a suggestion to add Pastor Jeff Hedin’s name to our new sign at the corner of Lincoln and Washington. P&M will look into this and present options to the Council.

We are also looking to advertise in some additional local circulars and fliers. Janet H. and Mara B. will look into which of these may be a good prospect for advertisement.