

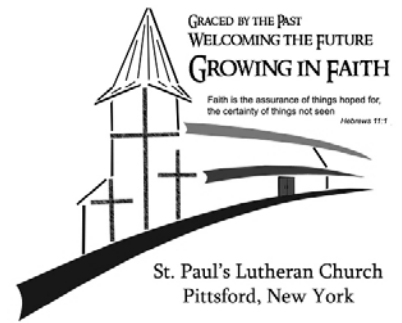
St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

DATE: 12 January 2009

Present: Mara Berndt, Dave Pepler, Bill Wallace, Pastor Hedin, Ron Uhlig, Gary Foti, Mike Patchen, Chris Coffey, Sarah Schwartzbauer, Gary Schwartzbauer

Next meeting: 23 February 2009



I. Beginning Business

- Introduction –
 - The opening devotional was given by Bill Wallace. Bill discussed the struggles faced by the people in the military and requested our support and our prayers.
 - A quorum was declared.
 - The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. No changes. Motion to accept: Mara, second Dave, passed.

II. Reports

- Financial. Bill discussed the Year End numbers with some corrections. Finance recommends that we make no further paydowns on the mortgage principle. And also that we frequently review the numbers this year. He also reviewed the previous 3 years numbers noting that the actual deficit is usually quite a bit less than budgeted. These numbers are then what will be discussed in the Congregation Meeting. We then reviewed the December figures. Motion to accept: Gary, second Chris, approved. 2009 budget – Updated to include total of \$375,576. Motion to accept: Bill, second Gary F. approved.
- Pastor's report. Request that the February meeting include goal setting and elections and getting organized. Also to include discussion of merging capital appeal into the budget. ACTION ITEM.

III. Old Business - Updates

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IV. New Business

- Annual Congregational Meeting. We reviewed the agenda from the previous meeting and agreed to use this as a template, however to reduce the amount of time spent reviewing Roberts Rules of Order. We agreed to replace "I wish I like" with a questionnaire. Gary S. has drafted a 2 page questionnaire and will send for comment to – Mike P., Ron, Pastor, Mara, and Scott ACTION ITEM.
Note – since the meeting this discussion was concluded successfully via electronic conversation. FAQ's will be drafted by Pastor and sent to Mike, Mara, and Bill for input. ACTION ITEM.
All other agenda items were OK.
- Ron will publish the annual report on the website once it is published. ACTION ITEM.
- Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson will be our guest pastor on Feb. 8. She will hold an informational session between services.