

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
**CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • June 21, 2016**

**Call to Order:** President Mark Buffington called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Mark Janzen

**Secretary's Report - Minutes of May 3, 2016 Congregation Meeting:** *A motion was made by Paul TenPas and second by Bill Dicke to approve the Secretary's Report from the May 3, 2016 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Donna Felch presented the Financial Report ending May 31, 2016. *A motion was made by Shelly Johnson second by Sue Dicke to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**2016-2017 Budget:** Treasurer Donna Felch presented the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The budget reflects an 11.3% increase. Donna went into detail to explain the components of the increase. 64% of the overall increase is associated with salary and benefits for the 3<sup>rd</sup> pastor. Other increases related to overall wage increases, building and maintenance increases and ECC support. *A motion was made by Dave DePagter second by Paul TenPas to approve the 2016-2017 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Roof Project:** President Mark Buffington presented information related to the replacement of the asphalt roof. The project will replace all existing asphalt shingles on the sanctuary, office, fellowship hall, bell tower and garage. A team was created to research options and make recommendations to council. The recommendation was to go with an asphalt shingle with a 50-year warranty as opposed to a steel roofing option. The cost of the project is not to exceed \$90,000 with the money to come from the Capital Improvement fund. The project will take place in spring of 2017. *A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht second by Jim Billmann to approve the replacement of the roof. Motion carried.*

**Hwy 28 Sign:** President Mark Buffington and Council Member Shelly Johnson presented information on replacing our existing sign on Hwy 28 with an electronic information sign. Council has received several requests to start a sign project. A team was created to research options which was chaired by Shelly. The current, recommended design would be a brick and mason design that matches the architecture of the church. It would be 19' tall and have a large message center. The message center would be 2-sided to display content to eastbound and westbound traffic on Hwy 28. The approximate cost of the sign as presented would be around \$75,000. Discussion/feedback was shared related to the value of a sign in general and then around how big it needs to be. The sign team and council will spend the next few months presenting information and options for the congregation to familiarize themselves with the recommendation and options. A special congregation meeting will be held later this summer to see if there is support for the construction of the Hwy 28 sign.

**Congregation Concerns:**

***Air Conditioning:*** We've had a few services plagued by a very warm sanctuary. Marv TerMaat informed the congregation that a HVAC guy was at church today to review the system and make recommendations.

***Adjournment:*** *A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht second by Bob Mehre to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Mark Janzen

Attendance: 32