

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
**CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • January 24, 2017**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Tom Gudmundson

**Secretary's Report - Minutes of July 27, 2016 Congregation Meeting:** *A motion was made by Faye Risse and second by Dave DePagter to approve the Secretary's Report from the July 27, 2016 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Donna Felch presented the Financial Report ending December 31, 2016. *A motion was made by Faye Risse second by Bob Mehre to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Fellowship Hall & Classroom Flooring Replacement:** The flooring proposal was presented by Mark Buffington. The carpet in the Fellowship Hall would be replaced with a combination of carpet squares and laminate floor. Several offices and classrooms in the 200 and 300 wing would have either the wood laminate we currently have in the 100 wing or carpeting that we currently have in the hallways.

*A motion was made by Paul W. Ten Pas and second by Margaret Hand to move forward with the flooring replacement as presented with the cost not to exceed \$40,000 to be funded from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Hwy 28 Message Center:** Mark Buffington presented the proposal for a message center on Hwy 28.

*A motion was made by Jim Billman and second by Gary Weber to approve the installation of a message center sign along Hwy 28 with a cost not to exceed \$75,000. \$30,000 to be funded from Capital Improvement and the remainder to come from fundraising. Work not to begin until 100% of the fundraising goal is reached. An amendment motion was made to change the amount to 75% raised before work is to begin by Jim Nicholson and seconded by Jeff Shircel. A second amendment was made to change the amount to 50% raised before work is to begin by Jerry Jorgenson and seconded by Jim Albertin. That motion was voted on by a hand vote and approved with the majority.*

**Third Pastor Call Update:** Mark Buffington provided an update on the Third Pastor Call Team. A pastor will be recommended for a Call at the February 7 Congregation Meeting.

**Director of Worship:** Pastor Tom presented the options for Worship Ministry to address the issue of filling the positions vacated by Sue Billman's and Jim Dotz's retirement. Discussion was held. Three additional information sessions will be held before coming to the Congregation for a vote on February 7.

**Congregation Concerns:** None

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Paul W. Ten Pas second by Rebecca Gross-Schuette to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Buffington

Attendance: 110