

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
**CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • April 18, 2017**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Tom Gudmundson

**Election of Council and Endowment Committee Positions:** A written ballot was taken to elect these positions. Results are: Council President – Margaret Hand, Council Members-at-Large – Bart Behling, Jane Marotz & Brad Ten Pas, Endowment Committee – Mark Risberg & Rita Sadro.

**Secretary's Report - Minutes of February 7, 2017 Congregation Meeting:** *A motion was made by JoAnn Dassow and second by Faye Risse to approve the Secretary's Report from the February 7, 2017 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Donna Felch presented the financial report ending March 31, 2017. *A motion was made by Paul W. Ten Pas and second by Shelly Johnson to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Congregation Concerns:**

***Why aren't the monthly newsletters left in the Gathering Area for more than one weekend to help save on postage?*** If we wait a second weekend before mailing them the information is old and we mail them at the same time to get the bulk mail rate. The newsletter is also available by email, which really helps to cut down on mailing costs.

***Can we start reporting the Memorial Donations in our financials?*** Yes, we have started tracking this information as of July 2016. We will begin to include in the Dedicated Report for the Congregation at our June meeting.

**Worship Direction Search Team Update:** We have seven applicants for the position. Telephone interviews will begin April 30. The best candidates will move to a second round of in person interviews and performances.

**Call Team Update:** We just received a new call list. The Search Team will be meeting later this week to review and begin interviews.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht second by Margaret Hand to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Closing Prayer:** Pr Mark Janzen

Attendance: 36