

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
**CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • April 19, 2016**

**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 Vice President – Jim Marshall, Head Elder – Jim Fasse, Council Members-at-Large – Christina Perronne & John Rische, Endowment Committee – Tom Leibham and Rita Ten Pas.

**Secretary's Report - Minutes of October 20, 2015 Congregation Meeting:** *A motion was made by Jim Marshall and second by Jim Sloma to approve the Secretary's Report from the October 20, 2015 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Director of Church Administration Stefanie Trakel presented the Financial Report ending March 31, 2016. *A motion was made by Rita Sadro second by Ron Kalk to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Call Committee Update:** The Call Committee is on their third batch of candidates. Pastor McCrory declined our Call in October. The second batch of candidates was not as strong, there was one strong candidate but he withdrew. The third batch of candidates had one great candidate. He will be coming tomorrow evening for a second interview. He currently lives in Cedarburg. If he is selected, there would be a Congregation Meeting to approve the Call.

**Congregation Concerns:**

**Funeral Policy:** A member recently had a family member pass away in Arizona. The deceased family member had been a member of St. Paul many years ago, however he has not been connected with a church for many years. His last request was to have a service at St. Paul. Our Pastors' policy is that we are unable to do the service in our church [but the Pastors were willing to do the service at a funeral home]. The member felt that this policy needs to be changed. The Church Council will take it under advisement.

**Projection:** At times it can be difficult to read the projection screens when the text is in white lettering and fades into the background. It was asked if black lettering could be used to make it easier to read.

**Boy Scouts:** The Boy Scouts have reversed their policy to now allow openly gay individuals to serve as Scout leaders. Therefore the Synod no longer has an official relationship with the Boy Scouts of America. Our local troops are still meeting here. Pastor Mark is the staff liaison to the troops and has no concerns. The Boy Scouts are the leaders in child safety screening and training.

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Shelly Johnson second by Brad Vollbrecht to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Mark Janzen

Attendance: 44