



St. Paul Lutheran Church
CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • April 22, 2014

Call to Order: President Mark Buffington called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Opening Prayer/Devotion: Pastor Tom Gudmundson

Secretary's Report - Minutes of September 29, 2013 Congregation Meeting: *A motion was made by Ron Kalk and second by Shelly Johnson to approve the Secretary's Report from the September 29, 2013 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Donna Felch presented the Financial Report ending March 31, 2014. *A motion was made by Margaret Hand, second by Joann Dassow to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried.*

Election of Council and Endowment Committee Positions: A written ballot was taken to elect these positions. Results are: Council Vice President – Jim Marshall, Council Head Elder – Jim Fasse, Council Members-at-Large – Mark Sbrocco & Scott Widder, Endowment Committee – Jim Fasse, Mark Risberg & Rita Sadro.

Worship Center Sound Proposal: Rob Danforth presented a proposal to replace the sound board. The wiring from the sound board will also be replaced with digital lines to prevent the “hum” we currently get with our analog wires. Additional microphones will be purchased along with new monitors for the worship teams. Our current speakers will remain, but will be repaired and repositioned. In the future the speakers may be replaced, but at this point we want to see how these changes will affect the overall sound, given that the replacement of the speakers alone would cost over \$25,000. The manufacturer also feels our current speakers should last us for several more years. Testing will be done once our new system is in place to ensure the sound quality from our current speakers is appropriate. There is a one year warranty on the soundboard and the company will provide technical support. Microphone adjustments for the choir area have also been discussed with the sound rep and may occur once the soundboard is in place. The total cost of the proposal, without the speaker replacement, would be \$25,760 to be paid from Capital Improvements. *A motion was made by Jim Billman, second by Paul W. Ten Pas to approve the worship center sound proposal as presented. Motion carried.*

Congregation Concerns: Two questions were asked from the congregation as follows:

- 1) **Our worship attendance is usually around 800-900 people per weekend. Easter weekend we had over 1700 people. There is concern that people are missing the joys of the Lord throughout the year and only attending on Easter and Christmas attendance?** Several times last year Pastor Tom has sent letters to those who hadn't attended recently as a form of encouragement. Unfortunately these were often not well

received so he discontinued this. The Council is doing some visioning and going through a video series to develop plans for the future. Our family workshop on May 3 is also intended to help point our members in the right direction.

- 2) **How successful was Friendship Weekend?** We didn't see a big bump in attendance, but Pastor Tom is aware of people who brought friends. Really the purpose of the weekend is to get the congregation as a whole to be thinking about bringing friends to church at any time and reaching out to others.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Rita Sadro second by Margaret Hand to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 6:45 pm. Motion carried.*

Closing Prayer: Pastor Tom Gudmundson

Attendance: 37