

St. Paul Lutheran Church
CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • April 30, 2019

Call to Order: President Margaret Hand called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Tom Gudmundson

Secretary's Report - Minutes of April 16, 2019 Congregation Meeting: *A motion was made by Lee Wilcox and seconded by Larry Hinkelman to approve the Secretary's Report from the April 16, 2019 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

Divine Call of Pastor Chad Elfe: The Call Committee presented the timeline of the Call, along with the information about Pastor Chad Elfe. Many questions about Pr. Elfe were asked from the Congregation and discussion was held. *A motion was made by Bob Schneider and seconded by Paul W. Ten Pas to extend a Divine Call to Pastor Chad Elfe. A written ballot was taken, with majority in favor. A motion was made by Pr. Tom Gudmundson and seconded by Jerry Plaehn to declare the vote unanimous to call Pastor Chad Elfe. Motion carried unanimously.*

Congregation Concerns:

Jim Billmann addressed an issue that was discussed at the last Congregation Meeting regarding how the Adult Choir takes communion during the early Sunday morning service. The Choir discussed the issue and has decided they will continue taking communion on just one side of the rail, as it works better for them. Attendance at this service is usually fairly low and it is only once a month. The ushers do a good job of moving people to the other side of the rail if necessary towards the end of Communion.

Pastor Tom announced that preliminary numbers show that giving increased by over 6% over last year at this time. This is about a 1.5% increase from the end of March. If you are one of those individuals that has increased your giving, Pr. Tom extended a thank you for your support of our ministry!

The Congregation thanked the Call Committee for all their dedication to the Call process.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Katrina Martin and seconded by Shelly Toutenhoofd to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Closing Prayer: Pastor Kyle Backhaus

Attendance: 77