

St. Paul Lutheran Church
CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • June 18, 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 30, 2019 Congregation Meeting: *A motion was made by Paul W. Ten Pas and seconded by Shelly Strains to approve the Secretary's Report from the April 30, 2019 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

May 2019 Treasurer's Report: *A motion was made by Deb Hand and seconded by Jim Weber to approve the May 2019 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.*

2019-20 Budget: Stefanie Trakel presented the budget that was prepared by the staff and approved by the Church Council. The budget includes a 11.1% increase in actual giving to the general operating budget in order to cover anticipated expenses. *A motion was made by Tim Allman and seconded by Jane Marotz to approve the 2019-20 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Congregation Concerns:

Have we considered a Vicar? Pr Tom explained that becoming part of the vicarage program (the "intern" program for Pastoral students) needs to be a conscious decision to play a significant role in the training of future Pastors. It should not be something you do just to get a "cheap" Pastor or to help fill a vacancy. Not only that, less individuals are going into Pastoral Ministry and therefore not all the requests for Vicars are filled. St. Paul is looking to build our ministry program into the future, therefore the Vicar program isn't the solution for us as there is a yearly change in the Vicar and the mentoring is very time consuming. Thus it really wouldn't help to relive our current Pastor's workload.

Can we have a Call Committee update? Since Pr Chad declined our Call, the Call Committee has reviewed another set of candidates. The team did not want to move forward on any of those individuals, so a new Call List has been requested from the District Office.

Is the Synod aware that Pr Kyle will become the Senior Pastor on July 1? Yes, they have been informed.

Senior Pastor Transition: All worship services the weekend of June 28-30 will include a brief ceremony to honor Pr Kyle stepping into the Senior Pastor role. All are encourage to attend and support Pastor Kyle.

Thank you to Bart Behling for his 4 years of service to the Congregation by serving as a member-at-large on the Church Council!

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Ann Helmke and seconded by Pete Strains to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Closing Prayer: Pastor Kyle Backhaus

Attendance: 34