**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Attendees: Donna Felch, Margaret Hand, Tom Splittgerber, Michelle Bohm, Jeff Berg, Stefanie Trakel, Jane Marotz, John Rische & Pr Kyle Backhaus

Excused: Mark Sbrocco & Brad Ten Pas

Guest: Pr Tom Gudmundson

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| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible Party |
| Call to Order |  | President Margaret Hand called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm. |  |
| Opening Prayer |  | Pr Kyle opened with a prayer. |  |
| Spiritual Formation Ministry Update | Pr Tom reported that he continues to teach and perform Baptisms. He is leading worship, preaching, leading Wednesday and Saturday morning Bible Studies, officiating funerals and doing visitations. Some nursing homes and hospitals are now allowing Pastors to visit. He is also doing personal counseling with members, writing articles and producing morning meditations. He is looking to officially retire at the end of June. He intends to take one entire year off, without doing any work for the church, to allow the new ministry team to establish themselves, before he would return to help out with things. |  |  |
| March Secretary Report |  | A motion was made by Jane Marotz via email on 3/17/21 to approved the March Secretary’s Report. Jeff Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |  |
| March Treasurer Report |  | A motion was made by Margaret Hand via email on 4/21/21 to approve the March Treasurer Report. John Rische seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |  |
| Policy #55 – Investment Options for Church Funds | This policy was reviewed at the March Council Meeting. A few adjustments were made following the meeting. | A motion was made by John Rische via email on 3/24/21 to approve policy #55. Jane Marotz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |  |
| Updated Policy #15- Facility Rental | Stefanie has updated this policy to include the procedure for when non-profit organizations use our facility, to protect us from any potential conflicts that could occur, by ensuring those organizations acknowledge our Ministry Statement and agree to not do anything that would go against the beliefs of our church. | A motion was made by Michelle Bohm to approve policy #15 as presented. Donna Felch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. | Stefanie Trakel |
| Updated Policy #35 – Mission Trips | Nicole has updated this policy to adjust increase the amount chaperones could potentially pay when attending a mission trip. | A motion was made by Michelle Bohm to approve policy #35 as presented. Jane Marotz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. | Stefanie Trakel |
| Video Security Intercom | Stefanie has requested the purchase of a video security intercom for the church office. A recent security issue has caused us to lock up the church more and this would greatly assist the staff in doing so. | A motion was made by Margaret Hand to approve the purchase of the video security intercom to be funded by the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of $1,994. Tom Splittgerber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |  |
| Elder Team Update | No Update |  |  |
| Senior Pastor Report | Pastor Kyle reported that worship attendance seems to be slowly growing each week. He will begin working with Pr Tom and Pr Rob to create a transition timeline. |  |  |
| Walk In Items: Meeting date changes | * No May Council Meeting * June 8 @ 6:30pm – Church Council Meeting * June 15 @ 6:45pm – Congregation Meeting (no Council Meeting to follow) |  |  |
| Walk In Items: National Youth Gathering Mission Trip Request | Nicole submitted a request to move forward with planning the National Youth Gathering Trip for July 2022. A preliminary budget was also submitted. | A motion was made by Donna Felch to approve the National Youth Gathering trip for July 2022. Michelle Bohm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. |  |
| Walk In Items: Pr Tom’s Retirement | Discussions have begun regarding Pr Tom’s retirement celebration. A timeline will be put in place once we get more information from Pr Schrader on his installation date. | Margaret Hand has agreed to chair a committee to proceed with planning. Michelle Bohm, Jane Marotz and Donna Felch are also willing to serve. | Margaret Hand |
| Adjournment | The Church Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30pm. | A motion was made by Michelle Bohm to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Jane Marotz. Motion carried unanimously. |  |
| Closing Prayer |  | Pr Kyle closed in prayer. |  |