

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2012

Attendees: Pastor Gudmundson, Mark Buffington, Brad Vollbrecht, Lynn Bruckner, Jim Fasse, Jim Marshall, Leif Gigstad, Rob Danforth
Excused: Margaret Hand, David Weinhold, Stefanie Trakel

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		President Mark Buffington called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm	
Opening Devotion		Pastor Tom led the group in devotion and prayer.	
Secretary' Report		Motion made by Leif Gigstad to approve the report. Jim Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
Treasurer's Report	The financials were briefly discussed since they had previously been discussed in the Congregation meeting. We are projecting a slight loss for the year.	Motion made by Jim Marshall to approve the report. Leif Gigstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
Well Pump	The well pump failed and was noticed on June 11, 2012. The council members were emailed and asked to approve funding of repair via email (not to exceed \$5,000). All members approved via email since costs were reasonable and water is necessary. An official motion was raised to cover the actual costs, which was lower than the max amount in the email.	Motion made by Brad Vollbrecht to fund the well pump repair from Capital Improvement Fund. Lynn Bruckner seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
Grounds Request	Mark Buffington introduced the potential need to develop a grounds committee to answer questions about member inquiries for donations, e.g. "Can I plant a tree on the grounds as a memorial?" The council discussed several hypothetical scenarios.	The council agreed that a small subcommittee should be formed to develop a long range landscape plan and then disband when task is complete. Regarding inquiries to plant or alter the grounds, council agreed that requestors should fill out the activities form and submit to Stefanie. She will manage those requests and bring them as necessary to the Council for discussion and approval.	Stefanie Trakel
Pastor's Report-District Meeting	At District through majority vote, the LCMS churches passed a resolution supporting close communion. The LCMS district president will be visiting all congregations during his 3 year tenure to ensure that all congregations are actively enforcing close communion. The resolution included a phrase stating that it is the responsibility of the district president to 'correct' the lead pastor of any church that does not actively adhere to the resolution. The council discussed the resolution with great concern due to the number of active participants at St. Paul	Pastor Tom to meet with Jim Fasse to form a small team to discuss the resolution.	Jim Fasse Pastor Tom

	Lutheran Church which are not official LCMS members. It was decided that an elder team be formed to discuss the resolution and decide a path moving forward.		
Adjournment		A motion was made by Jim Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM. Leif Gigstad seconded the motion. Motion carried.	
Closing Prayer		Mark Buffington closed in prayer.	