

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Attendees: Pastor Tom Gudmundson, Shelly Johnson, Stefanie Trakel, Brad Vollbrecht, Jim Fasse, Jim Marshall, Scott Widder, Donna Felch & Margaret Hand
Excused: Mark Buffington & Mark Sbrocco

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		Vice President Jim Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.	
Secretary' Report		A motion was made by Margaret Hand to approve the August Secretary's Report. Scott Widder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Treasurer's Report	<p>It was suggested that we may want to level any expenses that are large sums and spread them throughout the year.</p> <p>It was suggested that we hire an outside auditor to review our books. An official audit has not been done in several years.</p> <p>Our 13 month CD at Harris Bank matured at the end of August. We shopped for better interest rates and were able to get a significantly better rate at Meadowland Bank for 18 months.</p> <p>It was asked if we should look at other types of investments. At this point we've always sought investments with little to no risk.</p> <p>We are in the process of opening a new money market account at Harris Bank with a significantly better interest rate than our current one. Our current savings account will then be transferred into the new account.</p> <p>Donna shared a new report she'd like to use to summarize our monthly finances in the newsletter. She also shared the 2014 fiscal year end report that will be sent to all congregation members in the next couple of days.</p>	<p>Donna & Stefanie will look into this for future expenditures.</p> <p>Donna will bring a list of outside auditors and quotes to the next Council Meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jim Fasse to approve the July Treasurer's Report. Scott Widder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Jim Marshall will bring some suggestions to the next Council Meeting.</p>	<p>Stefanie Trakel & Donna Felch</p> <p>Donna Felch</p> <p>Jim Marshall</p>

		The August Treasurer's Report will be sent by email in the near future.	Stefanie Trakel
Same-Sex Union Policy	The Same-Sex Union Policy was reviewed by the Church Council.	A motion was made by Jim Fasse to send the policy to the Congregation for approval at the next Congregation Meeting. Donna Felch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Feed My Starving Funding	<p>FMSC has a few open shifts on Thursday afternoon for volunteers, otherwise all shifts are filled.</p> <p>They are about \$5,500 short of the \$33,000 needed. They continue to fundraise and are expecting some additional dollars to come in.</p>	A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht to approve funding the balance of the FMSC amount due, not to exceed \$5,500 from the Thrivent Choice Dedicated Account. Shelly Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Membership Records	All membership records dating back to the start of the church are kept in fire proof file cabinets here at church. A copy has been kept at a staff member's house as a backup. It was suggested that the copy be kept with the Sheboygan County Historical Research Center instead. If people contact us in search of records, we can direct them to the Historical Research Center to assist them in their search. It will also provide a more appropriate way to preserve our back up copy as they are more equipped to do this.	A motion was made by Shelly Johnson to move our second copy of membership records to the Sheboygan County Historical Society. Jim Fasse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Activity Sponsorship Report	Upcoming activities that have been approved to occur in the name of St. Pauls were shared with the Council.		
Pastor's Report	<p>Pastor Tom is working with the Pastoral Search Team to begin putting together a plan.</p> <p>A lay representative is not needed at the Circuit Convocation on September 29, anyone from the Congregation is invited to attend.</p> <p>We will need someone after the first of the year to attend the Circuit Forum, the date has not been announced yet. We will also need a rep for the District Convention June 7-9. The Circuits are being realigned. This will be voted on at the Convention in June.</p>	If anyone from Council is interested in being a representative, they should contact Pastor Tom. He will bring suggestions to the next Council meeting.	Pastor Tom

	Pastor Tom reviewed the St. Paul Core Values with the Council.		
Walk in Items	<p>ECC enrollment is extremely good. There is one spot open in 4K and both the 3AM and 3PM preschool classes are full. The ECC is also working closely with TGP this year so that each class spends time in TGP once a month.</p> <p>Rebuilding together is reinventing themselves. We've offered to work with them and be a pilot project, however nothing has been planned at this point.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Council be cautious of what they approve via email. If someone is not comfortable approving over email, they should request a quick meeting so that everyone fully understands the matter at hand.</p> <p>Exchange students from other countries have commented about how giving we are as a Country, especially after attending our FMSC event. This is something we should all be proud of as Americans.</p> <p>The waterproofing project went very well in August and by doing it ourselves we saved a very significant amount of money.</p> <p>The Autumn Auction planning is going very well. There is a great team working together to plan the event.</p>	<p>Stefanie will email everyone the final dollar amount of what was spent for the waterproofing project.</p>	Stefanie Trakel
Adjournment	The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm.	A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Scott Widder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Closing Prayer		Brad Vollbrecht closed in prayer.	