

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, November 18, 2014

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

Excused:

Guest: Christina Zeuner

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		President Mark Buffington called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.	
Early Childhood Center Ministry Update	<p>Christina Zeuner shared enrollment numbers with the Council. Some sessions in childcare are at maximum capacity. There are 70 children currently enrolled in either preschool, 4K or children. This is the maximum allowed under our license. We could look to increase this, but we would need to hire additional staff, which we are not wanting to do at this point. We've been given a 3 star rating by YoungStar this year, with a few adjustments we hope to receive a 4 star rating next year. Staffing is very stable and we have a great group. Several improvements have been made the playground and coatroom from memorial donations. All three classes are now meeting on a monthly basis with The Gathering Place participants to do various activities. This has been incredibly enjoyable for both age groups. We have started using ScripNow, which is a way to purchase Scrip online.</p> <p>Financials have been reported in more detail as of late, which show the school is in a deficit. Christina has gotten feedback from various people about this and asked if she should be doing more fundraising. The Council instruction Christina to focus on the children, not on fundraising or the bottom line. The Early Childhood Center is financially performing as expected. It is a ministry of our church and will be supported by the congregation to cover any deficits.</p>	<p>The Church Council will review the tuition prices and determine if any adjustments need to be made for the 2015-16 school year by early January.</p> <p>The Council will discuss the ECC deficit in more detail at the next Congregation to relieve any concerns individuals may have.</p>	<p>Church Council</p> <p>Mark Buffington & Donna Felch</p>

Secretary' Report		A motion was made by Jim Fasse to approve the October Secretary's Report. Mark Sbrocco seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Donna Felch presented a summary of the first four months, along with her comments.</p> <p>The Gathering Place Autumn Auction was this previous weekend. The numbers were down slightly, mainly in the area of corporate sponsors and attendance. However it is a wonderful event that not only provides funding, but also provides great public relations for the ministry.</p>	A motion was made by Margaret Hand to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Jim Fasse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Outside Group Financials	Donna has begun working with the four outside groups that are not submitting their financials in accordance with the church policy. Some have begun submitting their financial statements.	Donna is continuing to make contacts with the groups.	Donna Felch
John Deere Repair	The old John Deere will need some significant engine repair in the near future. The tractor is otherwise in very good condition and should last for a long time.	A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht to approve spending up to \$3,500 from the Capital Improvement Fund to repair the tractor. Shelly Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Feed My Starving Children	The Feed My Starving Children Team submitted an Activity Request form to hold another MobilePack October 8-10, 2015. If the Team does not raise enough money, the congregation will have to fund the deficit.	A motion was made by Jim Marshall to approve the MobilePack for October 8-10, 2015. Scott Widder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Sound Update	In follow up to the ad hoc Council Meeting held earlier this month, we have found an individual willing to serve as a consultant on our Sound Board. He will work with all of our praise bands and sound volunteers to get everyone up to speed. He has already started and things are moving in the right direction. The bands are much more positive. Our final piece is to find more volunteers to work the sound board. It was suggested that if we cannot find more, to task the bands with finding individual/s within the band to assist.	Everyone is asked to help recruit sound volunteers. We are in desperate need of individuals willing to commit to helping once a month. Please direct those individuals to Vicky who will put them in touch with our sound consultant Mike Basch for training.	
Pastor's Report	All Council Members are encouraged to attend the New Member Welcome lunch on Sunday, November 12 at noon.	Stefanie will email the Church Council members to remind them of New Member Welcome. They need to RSVP and are asked to bring a side dish.	Stefanie Trakel

	<p>A 3 week stewardship series will be held the first 3 weekends in Lent.</p> <p>A Prayer@Home campaign will begin the weekend of January 4. This will be a time for the entire Congregation to focus on the importance of prayer at home. Various tools will be given to everyone to help encourage this.</p> <p>Pastor Mark and his team are starting a Celebrate Recovery Ministry for individuals with addiction. The team will be going to a one day training in California. This will be funded with budgeted Lay Leadership Development Funds with the remaining to come from Capital Improvement Funds as those funds are available for new ministry start up.</p> <p>The Acacia Theatre drama group will present “Christmas Past” as the sermon for all 3 services on December 21.</p>		
Walk in Items	<p>The Council discussed if there was a better way to get individuals to attend the Congregation meeting, given that it was brought up during the meeting earlier tonight. Unfortunately the Council doesn’t know a better way to encourage members to attend.</p>		
Adjournment	<p>The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 pm.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Jim Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Brad Vollbrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
Closing Prayer		<p>Mark Buffington closed in prayer.</p>	