

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
 Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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

Excused: Bart Behling

Guest: John Rische & Chris Perronne

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		President Mark Buffington called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.	
Opening Devotion		Pastor Tom led the group in prayer and a review of the LCMS belief regarding the topic of Immigration.	
Secretary's Report		A motion was made by Mark Sbrocco to approve the May Secretary's Report. Donna Felch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Our surplus is due to not hiring a third Pastor. If we would have hired him, we would be in a deficit.</p> <p>An external review of our financials will be done by Greg Peterson of Corson, Peterson &amp; Hamann S.C. in September.</p> <p>We will be adjusting the way we record The Gathering Place participant fees starting in June to give us a more realistic picture of their month to month financials. This change will result in the month of June looking very profitable.</p>	A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Jim Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
2016/17 Budget	An 11.3% increase in giving is being budgeted for 2016-17. The increase is primarily due to 10 months of a third Pastor.	<p>A motion was made by Mark Buffington to approve the 2016-17 budget as presented. Jim Marshall seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The 2016-17 budget will be presented at the Congregation Meeting for final approval on June 21.</p>	Donna Felch
Policy #3 – Gathering Area Use	The Gathering Area Use Policy has been revised to no longer include the need for a reservation form to be completed.	A motion was made by Shelly Johnson to approve Policy #3 as presented. Donna Felch seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Roof Project	The Roof Team has investigated replacing the roof with asphalt shingles and steel shingles. Based on the	A motion was made by Brad Vollbrecht to have Precision Roofing replace all shingled roofs as	Mark Buffington

	information gathered, they recommend going with asphalt shingles with Precision Roofing Company. There is no guarantee the steel shingles will last over twice as long as the asphalt shingles to justify the cost. The project would be scheduled for Spring 2017 and is estimated to take at least 3 weeks.	presented with a cost not to exceed \$90,000 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. Scott Widder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.  The Roof Project will be presented at the Congregation Meeting for final approval on June 21.	
Fellowship Hall Wall	The fellowship hall wall will be thickened with drywall to prevent further damage to it. This will be charged to the current operating budget as there is a surplus.		Stefanie Trakel
Hwy 28 Sign	<p>The sign team shared examples of the proposed sign. They are recommending a 5' x 12' color display, which would be about \$45,000. The remainder of the sign, including masonry and electrical would be about \$28,000, for a total of \$73,000. The sign comes with standard pre-loaded religious messages and we can also add our own.</p> <p>The team contacted First United Lutheran to inquire about their sign. They are very happy with it and they have gotten some new members because of it.</p> <p>Several congregation members feel a sign like this will be a great outreach tool. Other congregation members feel we don't need a display on the new sign because of the cost and the speed of the highway traffic.</p>	<p>The team is putting together a plan on how the display will be used as outreach. They may also put together a display for the gathering area for members.</p> <p>The team will make contacts to ensure proper permits are obtained.</p> <p>A status update on the sign will be given at the Congregation Meeting on June 21.</p>	Shelly Johnson, Jim Marshall & Brad Vollbrecht
New Logo	Shelly shared examples of the logo.	Shelly will make additional adjustments to the logo and will present at the next Council Meeting.	Shelly Johnson
Synodical Offering	The Synodical Convention will be July 9-14.	A motion was made by Mark Buffington to give \$2,500 out of our operating surplus for the Synodical Offering. Jim Fasse seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Election for Synod President	Elections finished today for Synod President. There are 3 candidates. Results have not been announced yet.		
Hispanic Ministry	A Sunday Worship Service has begun at Immanuel Lutheran in Sheboygan. A bilingual VBS will also be held this summer. We are in the beginning discussions of pulling the supporting LCMS churches together to create a Christmas Blessings Ministry as well.		
Faith Statement	An Elder Team led by Jim Fasse has been put together. The Elders are Mark Sbrocco, Tim Allman, Jeff Shircel, Jim		

	Nicholson and Bob Radzins. The team is working on creating a Faith Statement to help guide decisions of The Gathering Place and other ministries of St. Paul as they seek to develop and/or expand their ministries.		
Walk-in: Thank You Notes	Thank you notes were shared from Mt Carmel for our financial support and from the Chamber MainStreet for our old folding machine.		
Walk-in: Ministry Director Updates		We need to include Pastor Mark on the Ministry Director Update Schedule.	Stefanie
Thank You	Mark Sbrocco and Scott Widder were thanked for their service to the Church Council.		
Installation of Officers		Installation of Church Council will be Sunday, July 17 at the beginning of the 9:15 service.	Church Council
Adjournment	The Congregation Meeting will be June 21 at 6:30 pm in the Worship Center. The next Council Meeting will be July 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm.	A motion was made by Shelly Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Brad Vollbrecht seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Closing Prayer		Mark Buffington closed in prayer.	