

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Voters' Assembly Minutes
February 9, 2020

Meeting called to order by President John Petzold at 1:30PM.

Opening Prayer and Devotion by Pastor Bruner. Hymn #845.

Moved and supported to accept the Voters' minutes of December 15, 2019.
Motion Carried.

Moved and supported to accept Richard Harpst and Cheri Sutherland as new voting members.
Motion Carried.

Old Business: Council discussed ideas on raising money for the negative budget. Some ideas are having Fish Frys once a month or a few times a year and having dinners. Volunteers needed to coordinate and run.

New Business:

Mike LaPointe gave an update on a video camera proposal for the church. Question asked if this is really a need. Mike gave reasons why he believes it is. Having the cameras will give us the ability to stream our worship services. This way, the people who can't always make it to worship would be able to watch online. Services can also be recorded on DVD for those who don't have wifi. We can also promote our school online by posting videos, record weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. Hoping to move forward with no money taken from the general fund. Working on grants.

Board Reports

Principal/Board of Education

- Brenda Hoskey gave her letter of resignation. She will be leaving at the end of this school year.
- Lutheran Schools Week is March 1st-8th. Working on having a family Bible Study.
- Invitations for Preschool and Kindergarten have gone out regarding Round Up on March 15th from 12-4PM. This will help determine how many sessions we will need.
- Our children are being taught to be the Hands & Feet of Christ. Donations going to Wellspring, Saginaw Rescue Mission, collecting clothing for women.
- Staff Professional Development Feb. 10th - Bill Hobson speaker.

Board of Elders

- Elders and Fellowship are bringing a Gospel Concert Series to St. Paul for four weeks - July 21st & 28th, Aug. 4th & 11th. Freewill donation goes to the groups. Help needed from all boards and members. This is a great opportunity to expose the campus. Need to advertise heavily - communicate and spread the word.

Board of Evangelism - No Report

Board of Fellowship

- Soup/Chili Cookoff Feb. 23rd. \$5 to taste all soups plus get a full bowl. \$2 for extra bowls.
- No Reason Party in March. Melissa Hagar will emcee.

Board of Finance

- Our mortgage balloons every five years. Council moved to refinance at 3.875% with the same payment of \$14,135. Payoff date will still be October 2020.

CEF Building Fund Summary

Mortgage Balance as of 01/31/2020: \$453,703.58

Debt free date if nothing changes: October 2022

Jan 2020 Mortgage Payment: \$14,135.00

* Principal \$13,268.58

* Interest \$866.42

Amount received to pay mortgage: \$13,954.60

Amount Deducted from contingency fund: (\$180.40)

Balance LEFT in contingency fund: \$1,648.18

Jan 2020 Income & Expense Summary
Jan General Fund Income: \$70,275.77
Jan General Fund Expenses: (\$85,293.85)
Jan Deficit (\$15,018.08)
Year to date: Deficit (\$15,018.08)
Overall: Surplus - Gen Fund Checking Balance: \$1,525.25

RESTRICTED Cash Accounts Summary**
School Designated Accounts balance: \$127,076.15
Church Designated Accounts balance: \$57,203.68
All Memorials balance: \$21,546.61
** This money is NOT available to spend on
utilities, wages, benefits, taxes, supplies, etc. - \$205,826.44

Accounts Receivable
School - SY 19/20 \$ 41,937.20
> 1 family in arrears (subject to collections 05/11/20)
His Little Lambs
> Current \$ 2,802.37
> 7-14 days \$ 627.69
> 14-21 days in arrears \$ 399.17
> 21-28 days in arrears \$ -
> more than 28 days in arrears \$ 839.78 \$ 4,669.01
Collections (ICS) \$ 71,156.23
Collections (CSM) through 01/07/20 \$ 6,769.09
Collections (In House) 1 Family \$ 13,149.00
Total AR: \$ 137,680.53

Expense Freeze Go/No Go
Payroll - \$59,400 x 1.5 \$ 89,100.00
BCN - \$10,747 x 1.5 \$ 16,120.50
CPS - \$5818 x 1.5 \$ 8,727.00
LCMD Assoc - \$829 x 1.5 \$ 1,244.00
Medicare - \$275 x 1.5 \$ 413.00
Employer Taxes - \$1882 x 1.5 \$ 2,823.00
Open Purchase Orders \$ 33,835.23
Total non-Discretionary Spending: \$ 152,262.73

Board of Social Concerns - No Report

Board of Stewardship

Moved and Supported to pledge \$9,000 to our T.I.M. Missionaries (\$3,000 each to Erber, Ferry, & Roeske).

Motion Carried.

- Trying to set up a financial seminar for the congregation.
 - Adding a Director of Volunteers position under the Board of Stewardship. This person will set up volunteers as needed.
- Chart is up in narthex showing progress to paying off the mortgage. Each month, the footsteps get close to the finish.

Board of Trustees

- Prestige Lighting project is complete. Getting a quote to finish the rest of the building.
- New Pronethan Boards have come in. They will replace the Smart Boards.
- Trustees Assignments:
Hans Schmandt - Chairperson, Dwight Keinath - Vice Chairperson, Tim Daenzer - Secretary
Nathan Burns - School, David Wiacek - School, Dwight Radloff - Church, Salary & Personnel
Ken Auernhammer - Parsonage, Trevor Gleason - Grounds, Arnie Petzold - Rentals

Salary & Personnel - No Report

Trust & Investment

Inventory of Investment as of 12/31/2019 - \$611,247.28
Carry over spendable funds from 2019 - \$7,878.22
Interest Dividends from 2019 - \$23,360.85
Amount available for disbursement for 2020 - \$31,239.07
A detailed report will be in the Church Annual.

- Thanks to our forefathers, this fund has grown to \$611,247.28. Your gifts to our fund is the gift that keeps on giving. When a member designates St. Paul Lutheran Church as a beneficiary of their estate, they can specify exactly where they would like their gift to go. Some examples might be (General Fund, Building Fund, Missions, School, or Trust & Investment.) If the gift is not specified, the gift will go to the Trust & Investment Fund per the bylaws in the church constitution. One estate gift was received in 2019.
- Applications are being accepted for disbursement until April 1, 2020. Forms are available in the church office or online. If spendable funds are still available after the April Voters' Meeting, the committee will review any requests as we receive them.

Associate / Administrative Pastors

I. Visitation

1. Hospital and follow-up contacts:

Lurene Ill, Karen Henderson, Vic Reinert, MaryJane Shreve, Lela Higgins, Donald Lichnovsky, Willard Petzold
Teresa Malace – was not able to contact

2. Shutin visits

- a. 2020 First quarter – 12 visits so far for January, 2 died, 5 attending church

II. Pastoral ministry

1. Funerals and Committals:

- a. Committal for Bob Ramsey
- b. Funerals: Sandy Pavlicek, Jim Rude, LuRene ILL

2. Meet weekly to coordinate ministry for visitation and teaching.

3. Youth ministry planning team meetings.

- a. Have 6 youth going to the District H.S. Youth Gathering next July. Mat and Angie Ayotte will be taking them.

4. District Youth Gathering committee prep

5. Lenten theme for 2020 is "Windows into Christ." We will be highlighting the stain glass windows and architecture of the sanctuary as object lessons for the messages.

6. Pastor Martinal went with a group of members to the March for Life in Washington D.C. Will give a presentation between services on Feb. 23rd.

III. Teaching

1. Steve Kern is leading the "Joy Fully Lutheran" Bible Study.

2. Janette Keinath will present her mission trip report on Feb. 16th.

3. Jake Petzold is working on a young family Bible Study concept.

4. Pastor Martinal and Patti have been able to resume the women's Bible Study and the Couples Bible Study.

5. Still creating the lessons for 7-8th graders Religion class and the public school student(s). Please keep these young people in your prayers. Anticipate four youth to be confirmed in May.

6. Working on the next topic for Sunday Adult Bible Class and potential A.I.C. before Easter.

7. New Youth Bible Study started between services.

IV. Administration

1. Strategic Planning Committee continues with assistance from Mike Lapointe to help our congregation start a 3-5 year plan for ministry.

2. Health Benefit Plan – In the process of coordinating an informational meeting for the Faculty and Staff regarding the changes to the health plan as well as explain possible Health Savings Accounts. One individual spoke with me about the effect the change to the Health Benefit Plan is having on the family and other faculty. I spoke to Mr. Schoenknecht about having a meeting so the faculty can share the effects the change is having on them medically and emotionally. The audience for this would possibly be a Salary and Personnel representative or more.

3. Security and worship; I asked the Elders to discuss this at an upcoming meeting. There is a workshop on "Active Shooters" on Feb. 13th in Otisville at St. Frances.

4. FYI: We are taking steps forward in our ministry plans, but the devil is stirring up irritations in order to cause division within the body of Christ. Pray for unity and love.

We recite our mission statement each week. What does this look like? ***Vision: Reaching out to more people in Jesus' name. Loving the ones that are here.***

Moves and supported to adjourn at 2:30PM.
Motion carried.

Closed with the common doxology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Force
Congregational Secretary