

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church-Voters Assembly Meeting**

**February 8, 2015**

Meeting called to order by President Jake Petzold at 1:35 p.m.

Devotion by Pastor Abatelli. Hymn 707.

Acceptance of new members: Jeremy Petzold, Erin Schmandt, Luke Platt and Dale Higgins. Moved and supported. Motion carried.

**President's report:** Jake Petzold thanked voters for having confidence in him and highlighted a strong emphasis on prayer for decisions in the upcoming year. He also reported that Ron and Olga Nims and Keith Woolwine have been appointed to the Board of Evangelism and Luke Platt to the Board of Stewardship.

Moved and supported to accept minutes of the December 14, 2014 voters meeting. Motion carried.

**Associate Pastors Report:** Pastor Abatelli said that the title of the Lenten series is Don't Give up Lent for Lent. There is interest in a new Adult Instruction Class, so one will be starting soon.

**Administrative Pastors report:** Pastor Bruner was absent due to family matters. He left a printed report.

**Principals Report:** Brian Titsworth reported on a goal of getting the school accredited. He is continuing work on collecting accounts payable to the school. He also wants to do a better job of sharing school activities with the congregation.

### **Board Reports:**

**Board of Elders:** Kenny McKee reported on membership changes: To accept by profession of faith, Melody Payea. Release from membership, James Weber. Moved and supported to accept. Motion carried. The Board of Elders is going to renew a program of contacting members by phone on a regular basis.

**Board of trustees:** Jon Keinath gave an update on the parking lot lighting and a study of the schools heating system.

**Board of Finance:** Steve Kern reported that building fund giving is up, so is the mission offering, but the general fund is down compared to budget projections. In

addition, many line items are over budget with 6 months remaining in this fiscal year. December was in the black by \$8,244.29 but January was in the red by \$33,403.50, with a current deficit of \$160,419.59.

**Board of Stewardship:** Jan Snyder reported on the upcoming Living the Parables part 2, and a challenge to the congregation to tithe in the month of April. There will be a fall pledge drive. Details are still being finalized. TIM monies recommended by the board for 2015 are as follows: Rev. Charles Ferry, \$3200.00; Rev. David Erber, \$3700.00 and Todd Roeske, \$3200.00. Moved and supported to approve. Motion carried. Three members have requested mission support. Janette Keinath to Nicaragua for vision care, \$500.00; Seth Keinath to Denver Colorado for a mission trip to a poor neighborhood, \$500.00; Bethany Daenzer to a fishing village in Alaska, \$500.00. Moved and supported to approve all three. Motion carried.

**Board of Education:** Mike Hoard challenged voters to make at least one phone call this week to someone not usually in church, and welcomed members to their board meetings.

**Board of Social Concerns:** Jan McKee reported that they will be organizing the Lenten soup suppers and Easter breakfast this year. There will also be more emphasis on the Baby Bottle Campaign this year.

**Board of Evangelism:** Chuck Eilers reported that a gift of tissue boxes was donated to the church for use during church services. They are also looking for more participants in the greeter program and the board has plans to bring back the Water for the weary booth at summer festival this year.

**New Business:**

There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned with prayer and singing the Common Doxology at 2:40 p.m.

There were 48 members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hunt, Secretary