

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church-Voters Assembly Meeting-October 13, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Yorke at 1:30 pm.

Pastor Bruner opened with Hymn #644 and devotion.

Acceptance of new voting members: Sharon Wyman and Cheri Sutherland.

Moved and supported to accept minutes from August 21, 2013 meeting with date change and spelling corrections. Motion Carried.

Administrative Pastor: Pastor Bruner had a printed report. He reported on several items. He is working with the Lutheran Education Advancement Plan. The Board of Elders approved the purchase of ten copies of The Lutheran Study Bible for use with any Bible studies offered at St. Paul's.

Associate Pastor: Pastor Abatelli had a printed report. He reported that he is working on developing a Baptism permission form for families desiring baptism for children that they are not the legal guardian for. There are 17 people in the Adult Instruction Class.

Principle: Elaine Bickel had a printed report. Preschool through eighth grade has an enrollment of 238. The free food distribution is organized by the grandparents of two of our students. It is growing and is needed by many in our congregation and throughout the community. The scrip program allows people to designate profits. 50% is retained by the school and the other 50% can be designated by the family for school fees or to the General Fund at St. Paul's.

Family Life Director: Laura Gleim had a printed report. She highlighted several items. During the summer the Sunday evening Bible study combined the jr. high and high school, now that school has started, they are separate again. She is working on several servant projects for the seniors. The youth will be painting and re-carpeting the youth room, which is being paid for with funds raised by the youth. Laura has several youth and young adults who are helping with running the screen.

President: Jeff Yorke said that Ed Hunt has been appointed acting secretary to replace Paris Rogers. Please keep Paris in your prayers. The Nominating Committee will meet October 30, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Jeff also reminded us that October is Pastor Appreciation month.

### **Board Reports:**

Board of Education: Working with the Trustee's for scheduling activities in the activity center.

Board of Elders: Tim Brown said that the Elders are discussing women being ushers and asked for some feed back from the voters. The Elders did a survey on Saturday night

services and the majority of people want it to stay the way it is. He said there is some discussion about adding a mid week service in the summer.

Board of Evangelism: No report.

Board of Youth and Fellowship: No report.

Board of Finance: Steve Kern reported that the full numbers for September were not available, but the September General Fund deficit was \$7817.97, bringing the total deficit to \$83036.05.

Board of Social Concerns: Pastor Abatelli reported that they had a booth set up during the Fall Festival and made \$140.00. They are also working with the Ministerial Alliance to help a non-member whose gas was shut off.

Board of Stewardship: Jan Snyder reported that the Lenten Fish Fry funds for 2014 are earmarked for the Building Fund.

Board of Trustees: Dennis DeOrnellas had a printed report. He highlighted several items. The floor in the activity center is finished. There is a section of roof in the activity center that is sagging and the Trustees are working with Bronners to get it fixed. The roof above the kitchen is fixed.

### **Committee Reports:**

Building Committee: Tim Keinath reported that the current building mortgage is \$1,356,372.99. The savings account balance is \$12,219.05. There is less than one month cushion for short falls in giving.

Salary and Personnel: Jim Weber had a printed report. He highlighted several items. A motion was made to deny Pastor Abatelli's request for an additional housing stipend. Salary and Personnel will re-evaluate the situation in the next fiscal year. The Personnel Handbook was updated and copies given to all employees.

### **Old Business:**

President Yorke read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Constitution Revision. Proposed addition to Article IV, item F would read **for necessary financial reduction in staff**. Final reading and vote will be at the regular voters meeting in December.

### **New Business:**

Board of Elders: Membership changes. There were no changes.

Synodical Resolution: Moved and supported to not approve the change of wording in the Synod Constitution from Counselor to Visitor. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to adjourn. Motion carried.

We closed with singing the Common Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hunt, Acting Secretary