

Voters' Assembly Minutes
April 14, 2024

Meeting called to order 1:31 P.M. by Vice-President Heath Keinath.

Devotion by Pastor Martinal- Hymn 475, Emmaus road story-finding answers in Bible and community of people, Luke 24:13-35.

Motion made and supported to approve February 11, 2024 minutes

New Voting Members

--Dallas Gladly

Motion made and supported to accept new member

Old Business

-Trust and Investment -Dick Gladly

Five requests for investment earnings available for 2024 of \$68,704. Total requested \$63,921.

1. Board of Elders requested \$2,000 to cover supplies for cooking chickens for 5 upcoming chicken dinner fundraisers (chicken, seasoning, propane, lava rocks, oven cleaner)-proceeds to be used for General Fund

Motion made and supported to accept.

2. Board of Trustees requested \$29,791 for Sanctuary sound system upgrades—6 speakers, amplifier, and processor, including required materials.

Motion made and supported to accept- 17 votes; opposed- 11 votes. Motion approved.

3. Board of Trustees requested \$3,590 for LED lights for activity center parking lot. Motion made and supported to accept.

4. Board of Trustees requested \$16,500 for organ switching system. Motion made and supported to accept.

5. Board of Trustees requested \$12,040 for replacement of bell controls, high voltage panel & bell striker coils. Motion made and supported to accept.

Discussion included concerns with certain requests and upcoming potential loan commitment

Motion to pass all at once-rescinded.

Amount remaining available for additional requests-- \$4,783.

New Business-none

Board Reports

Education/Principal - Angi O'Neil—school provisionally accredited-need additional information within a year

Elders – Matt Ayotte

Transfers out—Jasmine Brandle to St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth; Abigail Brown to Trinity, Reese;

Request for release: Lorie Keinath.

Profession of Faith: Bill & Donna Ruppert, Wilbert (Billy) Rupert

Chicken dinner takeouts-first one, Friday, May 3rd. Others to follow on 3rd Sunday of month starting June-September. Looking at sit down dinners also.

Evangelism/Fellowship- no report

Finance - Gloria LaPointe- reviewed financial reports, appreciation for all offering counters

Salary & Personnel Committee - Heath Keinath-starting to look at teacher contracts

Social Concerns-Pastor Martinal - Derby gathering May 4th, Mother's Day-- baby bottles will be out

Trustees—Jon Keinath—architectural drawings to be out by end of month.

Alcohol at events—current insurance policy covers alcohol at events. Will probably require the user to have a certain level of protection for them.

Associate Pastor-Pastor Martinal—started long range planning committee—3 to 5 year plan—school and church with 2 separate documents, awards banquets in May, confirmation May 5th, June graduations. Looking at trying to connect public school and St. Paul school confirmands before confirmation.

Also see pastor report below.

Administrative Pastor –Pastor Bruner--Alliance for Defending Freedom to come in the near future—they assist in court cases, they help us look at policies here at St. Paul.

Also see pastor report below.

Motion made and supported to adjourn at 2:31 P.M.

Closed with common doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria LaPointe

Pastor Report to Voters 4-14-24

Official Acts:

Preparation for two memorials: Judy Selle on 4/29/24 and Mary Jane Shreve on 5/11/24

Two Baptisms

Three Adult Confirmations/Affirmation of Faith were held on March 17.

Pre Marriage arrangements and counseling for 3 couples.

Funerals for Betty Valentine 2/24/24 and Lloyd Walz 2/25/24

Ministry and Education

Received request for assistance for a SPL-Lapeer member living in Vassar. She goes to Davison for dialysis three times a week.

We continue to lead multiple chapel services for the upper grades and the lower grades.

Pastors continue to help instruct 5-8th grade religion classes.

Both pastors have been leading the Faith on Fire adult class.

Young at Heart Fellowship and Bible study (2nd Thursday each month) continues to be received well.

Visitation (January - March):

Shutins (19 current total) 15 home visits, 5 have been attending church, (1 potential addition)

Hospital contacts - spoke on phone or corresponded with 4

Home visit to a member

Meetings:

Faculty morning devotions and briefing

NLSA visitation team interview

Millington Ministerial Alliance

LEAP

Short and Long Range Planning committee

Projects we facilitated or are currently working on:

Arranged for CEF representative Julie Burgess to share Planned Giving presentation on 3-17-24. Rod Barodte from CEF visited today 4-14-24 to share overall ministry of CEF.

Alliance Defending Freedom membership - Will present the costs to the Board of Elders and Board of Education. It will be \$800 to have both the church and school covered under their services.

Pastor Martinal is still assisting the Athletic Director.

Yet to complete: Monthly family event, Protecting Young Eyes (re: technology)

Young Adult (8th grade) Confirmation May 5th at 11:00 a.m.

April 14, 2024

The Trust & Investment Committee have received 5 requests to be presented to the Voter's Assembly for approval.

The Board of Elders have requested \$2,000.00 to purchase chicken, chicken seasoning, propane, lava rocks, and oven cleaner. Anything to cover cost of cooking chickens.

Reason: We will be doing 5 chicken dinner fundraisers. All the profit will go to the General Fund of St Paul. If we received this funding along with the use of Thrivent cards each time we are hoping to have a high profit.

The Board of Trustees have requested \$29,791.00 to purchase Sanctuary Sound System Upgrades.

Reason: New speakers, amplifier, and processor to provide more even sound distribution, tuning and quality. Also includes "auto" mode when technician is not available. Includes 6 new speakers (spread throughout sanctuary, amplifier to power them, digital processor, installation, and required materials.

The Board of Trustees have requested \$3,590.00 to pay for installation of LED lights for Activity Center Lot.

Reason: Lights were purchased with 2023 funds but were unable to be installed before funding deadline. Contractor to install.

The Board of Trustees have requested \$16,500.00 to purchase an Organ Switching System.

Reason: Update mechanical contact points throughout the organ, replaces age worn and weakened contacts, adds MIDI capabilities, future plug and play of additions, and other new features. MIDI allows the organ to play hymns when an organist is not available. This is NOT a CD playing over speakers, but the organ pipes playing.

The Board of Trustees have requested \$12,040.00 to purchase Replacement Bell Controls, High Voltage Panel and Bell Striker Coils

Reason: One channel of the current high voltage panel has failed, repairs are not possible. Replacing panel requires new controller, and striker coils are nearing the end of their useful life as well.

Our committee recommends to the Voter's Assembly to approve the requests.

Total Amount requested \$63,921.00 Amount available changed due to project billed under original request and/or project not completed.

Total amount available \$68,704.00 Total requested \$63,921.00 Funds Available \$4,783.00