



January 16, 2018 Council Meeting

St. Paul Lutheran Church

ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETING			
X	Pastor Grant Applehans	X	Neil Gatzow, Member at Large
X	Julie Ohmann, President	X	Julie Hyrkas, Member at Large
X	Shirley Zierke, Vice President		Marshall Ihfe, Member at Large
X	Ben Storlie, Treasurer	X	Tyler Kroschel, Member at Large
X	Julie Coozenoy, Secretary	X	Arlie Post, Member at Large
X	Janet Nutter, Guest	X	Patti Lichtscheidl, Guest
X	Sheila Byl, Guest		

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by Julie Ohmann. Pastor Grant opened meeting with devotions.

December 19, 2017 Council Minutes

- Motion was made by Shirley Zierke, seconded by Tyler Kroschel, to approve minutes, and unanimously approved to accept the December council minutes.

Financial Report & Finance Team Report

- Special Budget Meeting Held on January 11, 2018 to finalize budget. Motion was made to approve budget by Shirley Zierke, seconded by Neil Gatzow and unanimously approved to accept the 2018 SPLC Budget.
- General Fund Giving: \$37,370
- Total Revenue: \$44,980
- Total expenses before mortgage: \$22,134
- Net income after the mortgage payment: \$17,529
- Motion was made by Julie Coozenoy, seconded by Shirley Zierke, and unanimously approved to accept the December Financial Report
- Edward Jones balance is at \$33,396; \$3,300 is available to be dispersed as stated in the constitution.
- Mortgage balance: \$505,000

Pastor's Report

- Longest Night Service: Although sparsely attended, appreciated by those attending
- Christmas Eve Service: All 3 services were loved by everyone
- Congregational Care continued with pastoral visits to several parishioners at home and in the hospital, telephone communication with others, and several in-office counseling sessions.
- Education:
 - 12:30 adult class is working through the Gospel of Mark and then will focus on the book of Revelation.
 - 6:30pm Sunday Bible study is briefly touching on Mark before launching into the book of Acts and the letters of Paul.
 - Confirmation continues to study the New Testament through the "Re:Form" Curriculum.
- Lenten Services: For mid-week Lent services we will be using Holden Evening Prayer and rotating preachers with 4 other area congregations.
- Pastor wants to start a "preaching series imagination group" where we imagine together what preaching series would be connective, engaging and transformative for the congregation.
- Looking into putting together a summer softball league.

150th Anniversary

- Kickoff for 150th Anniversary is January 28th following the Annual Congregational Meeting. There will be a potluck, Jell-O contest, plus more!
- April 22nd will be the next congregational event for the 150th Anniversary. Celebrating our future will be the focus of this special Sunday.
- Additional events are planned throughout the year

All God's Children Preschool

- December was a short month with Christmas break. Right before the break, they had their Christmas program. There were a few vendors selling items during their program to help raise funds.
- The Preschool board voted to increase their tuition for the 2018-19 school year: \$10 for M-W-F and \$5 for T-Th classes.
- This year, enrollment has held steady at 21 children. We have 9 in the M-W-F and 12 in the T-TH.

Audit Team

- The audit team has begun meeting with people.

Building & Grounds

- Excited that a non-member volunteered to help with the building & grounds crew.
- Upcoming project: The back hallway in Sunday School wing needs to be painted. B&G crew will get it ready to be painted. May be looking for volunteers to do the painting.

Children's & Youth Report

- Sunday School
 - Sunday School has resumed after Christmas break
 - This past Sunday, they learned about the history of St Paul Lutheran from our Special Guest Neil Gatzow. The kids started their quilt squares, this will be an ongoing project, but many are done and will be on display for our Annual Meeting.
- SPLASH & Confirmation Classes
 - SPLASH and Confirmation are back from Advent Break, both started again on January 3
 - Upcoming SPLASH Classes: Warrior Party, February 6; Princess Party, February 13; 10 Commandment Class, February 27 & March 6
 - First Communion Class: February 25
 - Recruiting Confirmation Lenten Mentors. Both SPLASH 5/6 and Confirmation Kids will meet in Lenten Mentor Groups from Ash Wednesday through Easter
- Mission Trip Fundraisers
 - Craft Retreat: January 26-27, 2018
 - Spaghetti Supper: February 10, 2018
- This year's VBS theme is Shipwrecked
- Working with Brent Eidenshink from Thrivent to "match" funds with youth projects

Communications Team

- Has not met.

Global Missions

- Creation Vacation will be February 23 & 24, 2018.

Loaves & Fishes

- 601 lbs of food were donated for the Reverse Advent Calendar with the Cub boxes
- Narrative budget: is being updated for the annual meeting. Testimonials will come this spring to coincide with the narrative budget.
- To wrap-up our 150th Anniversary we want to finish the year on a grand scale. L&F's wants to give away at least one blanket to each family for the December 2018 Food Truck. Ways you can get involved: Buy fleece, sew, purchase a similar blanket, donate money.
- Fall Service Event: All members will be encouraged to join a team to do service inside and outside of our church.
- Contacting all members: Phone calls were begun last fall to contact all congregational members to take a short survey. Council was asked to assist in finishing the calls.

Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee has fulfilled their obligation of finding candidates for the 2018 Church Council.

Prayer Team

- The team talked about Epiphany - both the season and the word. The meeting ended with prayers.

SPPRT Team

- No report

Visitation Team

- The team has a list of ten people who are being visited monthly. The team keeps in touch with these people by phone as well and taking communion to those who ask for this; also, sending get well/prayer cards when appropriate. Looking for ideas on how we might connect with more people.

Worship & Music (WAM)

- Sheila Byl brought suggestions for the 2018 Summer Worship Schedule on alternative music groups (other than our contemporary group) for the outdoor services. Looking for volunteers to help with set-up/take down of sound equipment, chairs, etc.; also contacting local musicians to see if they would play.

Old Business

- Shirley Zierke made a motion to approve the purchase of a new coffee system, seconded by Julie Ohmann, unanimously approved.

New Business

- Concern was expressed about the lack of ushers at the 10:00 am church service. Looking into sending out reminders to the teams that signed up for the service.

Motion was made by Neil Gatzow, seconded by Tyler Kroschel and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Submitted by:

Julie Coozenoy

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