



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 – 6:30 pm

1. DEVOTIONS & GOD SIGHTINGS

- Provided by Chris Timmons. He spoke on “frustrations” and referred to Phil 4:6-7 and James 1:2-4
- Each council member shared a God sighting.

2. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order by Tyler at 6:55 PM

3. ROLL CALL

X	Dale Stiles, Pastor	X	Dale Brainard, Member at Large
X	Tyler Kroschel, President	X	Chris Clark, Member at Large
X	Andy Stoyke, Vice President		Jaime Fraley, Member at Large
X	Pat Clearance, Secretary	X	Zella Oswald, Member at Large
X	Chris Timmons, Treasurer	X	Karen Rozeske, Member at Large

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve Agenda

- New Business – F: Member Allan DeWolf offered to provide money to serve Dad’s Root Beer floats after service on Father’s Day, June 20th.
- New Business – G: Andy stated that someone had mentioned that some trees need to be taken down.
- New Business – H: Chris T. has information from the research on copy machines from Claudia and Melissa.
- A motion was made by Karen Rozeske to approve the consent agenda, Pastor’s, Committee’s & Financial Reports. Seconded by Zella Oswald. Unanimously approved.

b. Finance & Budget Reports - Provided by Chris Timmons

The water bill has been higher than usual, \$1,000/3 month. He stated that he had since turned off the sprinkler system. Zella stated that she would speak to Jerry about how to water the flowers.

Dale Brainard acknowledged Katie Edwards for the her work with flowers/plants on the amphitheater.

As of May 18, 2021	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$84,400.00
Total Revenue	\$91,392.98
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$64,186.20
Net Income (after mortgage payment)	\$5894.78
Mortgage Balance	\$345,775.28
Edward Jones Balance	\$43,628.67

b. Pastor’s Report

- Committee Mtgs
 - Worship and Music (WAM) Thursday, May 6 - *musician schedule, outdoor/indoor summer schedule, “Sharing Christ’s Love” preaching series, new indoor communion procedures*

(Covid-safe), booking of three outdoor bands (6/20, 7/18, 8/15), outdoor paraments made by Pat C. and Karen R.

- Covid Response Team (weekly/Mondays) - reopening of church bldg on May 3 (Melissa in office again),
- Altar Guild (Tuesday, May 11) - talked about paraments, communion distribution (Covid-safe), and other duties. Set Summer Schedule.
- Finance Team (Tuesday, May 11)
- Education
 - Weekly Bible Study - Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Funerals
 - Steven Allan Graves (Sunday, May 2)
 - Marilyn Buck (Sat., May 1)
 - Marilyn Buck Interment (Tues., May 4)
 - Janet Mae Brainard (Sat., May 8)
- Baptism
 - Elizabeth Mae Brainard (Friday, May 7)
- Wedding
 - Elizabeth Cardinal/Dustin Hunt (Fri., April 23)
- Ongoing
 - Funeral, Wedding, Baptism planning
 - General pastoral care conversations and meetings
 - Sermon/worship preparation
- Miscellaneous
 - Have asked Jaime Fraley to re-paint office walls to match rest of church painting. Thank you, Jaime!
 - Thank you to all who helped with annual Spring clean-up on May 1
 - Rise, Inc. Group has cleaned the church twice so far (4/19, 5/10) - They are scheduled to come and clean every other Monday (5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, etc.) They're doing a great job.
 - Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly (May 14-15) - Thank you, Carole England and Arlie Post!
 - Planning to apply for ELCA Open Doors Grant if time still allows
- Personal
 - Vacation May 24 - 29 (Traveling to WA state to move daughter, Annica, home) - Pr. Nathan Baker-Trinity (First Lutheran, Rush City) on call for pastoral care emergencies while I'm gone. Melissa has his contact info.

c. Committee Reports

- Sunday School (SS) report provided by Katie Fetterly. Zella stated that she would send a Thank You card to the garden company from SPL Council,
- Children's Ministries report provided by Joanna Kroschel. SPLASH has been meeting after church to work on projects for VBS. We're slowly getting a few things done. The kids are enjoying some in person bonding time.

VBS registration forms are available. So far we have received two forms. Hopefully numbers pick up as school nears completion. The preschool rooms have been cleaned and furniture cleared to make room for two of the stations. Once school is out, I'll plan more week nights to decorate and hopefully more adults can assist.

Confirmation took place on May 2nd outdoors. Brandy Timmons and I cut the names and the red stoles for the 5 confirmation students that were confirmed. Brandy worked with the confirmation kids the evenings of April 14 and 21 to iron on and decorate their confirmation stoles.

- WAM – report provided by Kathie Marabella.
First meeting back in the church building in over a year!
Reviewed summer worship and music planning schedule as provided to the team by Pr. Dale.
Talked about the continued need for singers
Pr. Dale is looking for bans or three outdoor-service Sundays
Services will continue to be live-streamed
Learned of a new preaching series “Journey Together” July 11 through August 29
Briefly discussed God’s Work Our Hands Sunday – September 12 – do we want to participate”
Toured the sanctuary and reviewed the plans put in place by the COVID Response Team for indoor services
Chris Timmons expressed the need for a new tech team and also an inventory of our current equipment
Restarting a choir was talked about – no decision at this time
Jeanne stated that both the piano and organ need to be serviced. She will contact Melissa to get that scheduled.
- Senior High Students – Pastor Dale stated that he would begin working with them in the Fall.
- Altar Guild – Report needed from Zella.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Safeguarding All God’s Children
 - Zella spoke to Arlie Post about teaching the class. Arlie stated that her preference would be Monday or Wednesday after 6:30 PM.
- b. Building & Grounds Update
Chris T. stated that the water bill was very high, \$1000 for 3 months. He did pay it and turned off the sprinkler system.
Dave continues to work on getting the church bell working.
Andy relayed information that there are two trees with holes and need to be taken down. During the meeting he received confirmation that the maintenance team will take them down.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. COVID 19 Team/Reopening
 - Pastor Dale stated that the SPL COVID 19 Team met the night the Governor announced the lifting of masks and social distancing mandates in order to discuss the immediate future of protocol for SPL. It was decided to continue mask wearing while inside the building along with social distancing. It was decided that masks would be optional for outdoor services, but social distancing would still be required. The team continues to meet weekly on Monday evenings if/as needed.
- b. SPL Council Retreat – Upcoming on May 22
 - Pastor Dale and the Council expressed their appreciation to Kim and Chris Clark for their hosting of the retreat.
- c. Pre-School - Reopening
 - Pastor Dale stated that he would like to see the pre-school re-open with no particular timeline in mind, just at some point. He will start to reach out to see who would be interested in a conversation about this. He said that he would like to keep this on the upcoming agenda.
- d. Boy Scouts – building use policy
 - Tyler K. stated that SPL sponsors the Boy Scouts that use the building. Some council members expressed concern of the boys not signing in; running around in the building; and not wearing masks or social distancing. Tyler stated that he would email BSA contact information to Pastor Dale.

- e. Dad's Root Beer floats on Father's Day
 - Pat relayed information from SPL member Allan DeWolf that he has offered to contribute money to have a Dad's Root Beer Float event after service on Father's Day, June 20th. Council was in favor of this idea. Dale B. stated that he would talk to Martha's Servers about cost and serving. Tyler stated that he would contribute money to the event.
- f. New Copy Machine lease
 - It was decided to table this subject until next month.

7. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, June 15, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
- Devotions: Dale Brainard

8. ADJOURN & PRAY

- A motion was made by Dale B. to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Karen R. Unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.
- Zella finalized the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Clearence

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