



St. Paul Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 6:30 pm

- **Devotions & God Sightings** led by Jaime Fraley
- **Meeting called to order** by Andy Stoyke
- **Members present:** Pastor Dale Stiles, Chris Clark, Andy Stoyke, Zella Oswald, Karen Rozeske, Jaime Fraley, Chris Timmons and via Zoom, Dale Brainard and Tyler Kroschel
- **Consent Agenda**
 - August meeting minutes to be approved via email
 - Approve Agenda - Zella made a motion to approve the agenda and Chris Clark seconded this motion
 - Finance & Budget Reports: Chris Timmons shared this month's reports

As of September 23, 2021	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$131,712.00
Total Revenue	\$147,270.34
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$126,892.89
Net Income (after mortgage payment)	\$169,516.89
Net Revenue (after mortgage payment)	-\$22,246.55
Mortgage Balance	\$328,705.66
Edward Jones Balance	\$43,628.67

- St. Paul Synod will begin giving us redevelopment funds soon (up to \$10K) Also, an ELCA grant (up to \$20K) is in process for additional redevelopment funding. These were funds/grants offered when Pastor Dale was called to help fund our programs and other budgeted expenses including a full-time pastor. These funds are helpful as we entered 2021 with a planned and expected budget deficit, of which still exists.
- We will be moving to Quickbooks as our payroll service provider. This will save some money.
- Pastor Dale will be reaching out to members in an effort to start up the Loaves and Fishes Committee again as we look ahead to implementing stronger stewardship practices.

- **Pastor's Report**

- Met with COVID-19 Response Team (see update below) Thankful for this Team!
- Pleased with how Rally Sunday went in light of limited opportunities due to COVID
- Confirmation Orientation was held 9/15. Eight students registered this year.
- Met with Church Finance Team on 9/14. Scheduled Quarterly Cong. mtg. for 9/26
- Met with North Conference Pastors @monthly mtg. on 9/14
- Scheduled two Tanzanian guest pastors to be with us on Sunday, Oct. 3
- Adult Ed. has resumed as of 9/15
- With Melissa Nelson's help, we cleaned out and put away items stored in old Prayer Room. That will eventually be available again for small group prayer, individual meditation, and spiritual direction. Melissa also has cleaned and organized the office workroom. Brandy Timmons has cleaned and organized the sacristy. Joanna Kroschel is cleaning and organizing the youth office. These rooms have been neglected in recent years. Now in addition to the Christian Ed. office and Conference Room previously being cleaned and organized we are making the most and best use of some of our available spaces. Thank you to all who've helped with this.
- Ongoing worship/sermon planning, stewardship appeal planning, pastoral care/counseling, confirmation and Adult Bible study planning

- **Committee Reports/Ministry Highlights**

- Children's Ministry
 - S.P.L.A.S.H. will change their meeting day/time to Sundays at 7:00 p.m. They have worked on creating videos for the Sunday School kids. They'll continue to do that once/month. They will spend time studying/learning about Jesus and who he was. They meet in the Youth Room.
 - Sunday School began on Rally Sunday, 9/12 by taking pictures of the students for their International Bible Investigator badges. They have solved one case so far (9/19) by finding Noah and creating a rainbow. The children enjoyed their first class in their new space (the unused second preschool room). If anyone in the congregation would be interested in viewing the videos, talk to Joanna Kroschel, Katie Fetterly, or Chris Clark.
 - Confirmation will have their first class on Wednesday, 9/22. On 9/15 parents and students met for an orientation and registration night. Their curriculum this year is an overview of the New Testament and themes within it.
 - There are a handful of kids interested in going either on a mission trip or the National Youth Gathering in Mpls next Summer. We need to meet in the near future to decide, determine logistics, and plan fundraising.

- **Old Business**

- COVID 19 team update - Team met via email on 9/20. Decision was made to continue alternating in/outdoor worship through end of October and to end after-worship coffee hour after Sunday, October 3. All existing COVID-19 safety precautions/procedures remain in place while inside the building.
- Church Goals Review - Tabled until next month
- Pre-School Reopening Update - No news. Waiting still for Lakes Area Discovery Center Board of Directors meeting in November. They will then reach out to us to let us know if they think partnering with us is a viable option.
- St. Paul Synod Planting Hope Capital Campaign Update - Each congregation within the St. Paul Area Synod has been asked to appoint at least one member as our Planting Hope liaison to the synod. Both Arlie Post and Carole England have agreed to serve in this way. One other member is still considering serving in this way with them. You can expect more info about Planting Hope campaign after Christmas.

- **New Business**

- New Office Carpet project - the office walls have now been painted. Some members have donated the funds toward installing new carpet in the church offices. These are donations above and beyond their regular church offerings. Thank you! A bid from Home Depot was selected in the amount of \$6,600. It was approved to move forward with scheduling the installation. If anyone is interested in helping move office furniture prior to the install, please contact the office.
- Open Church Council Positions in 2022 - The Nominating Committee will need to begin seeking names to fill outgoing Council positions, including: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary (position vacated in 2021), and three Members-at-Large. Some of the current position holders are willing/able to renew their terms.
- Annual Mtg - initial conversation and planning. Potentially will be a hybrid mtg (both in-person and online). Date of mtg is January 30, 2022.
- Food Truck is need of cash donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas (Holiday Donations)
- Children's Ministry is looking for someone to plan and coordinate the children's Christmas program.
- Fundraisers for youth mission trip and/or National Youth Gathering include a craft retreat, the poinsettia fundraiser, yard cleanup (rake & run) and Cub Foods bagging.
- AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) needs to be inspected monthly. Jaime Fraley and Joanna Kroschel (volunteer parish nurses) will look into this and make sure it happens.

- **Next Meeting** - Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. Devotions led by Andy Stoyke.

- **Adjourn & Pray** - Tyler Kroschel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Rozeske seconded the motion. Motion carried. Pastor Dale concluded the meeting with prayer.