

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ~ COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

Council members present: David Badarak, Kristi Caruso, Pastor Geoff Drutchas, Mark Ennis, Allen Gunther, Beverley Gunther, Michael Isaacs, David Lange, Pamela Lange, Frederick Miller, Gary Peters, Diane Poet, Barbara Schultz, and John Smith. (One Deacon position vacant – pending an acceptance)

Council member excused:

Guests of Council: New employees Tracy Hoffman and Lauren Frederick, as well as Toni Hill, Sharon Leonard, and Kathy Williams (Women's Ministries).

President Fred Miller declared the meeting open at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Geoffrey Drutchas offered a prayer to begin the meeting.

Motion was made by Gary Peters seconded by Michael Isaacs to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2017. Motion carried.

Pastor introduced both guests to the Council. Both Lauren and Tracy spoke briefly about their good feelings and optimism as they begin their work for the church and its congregation. Pastor encouraged both new employees to feel welcome and voiced the good feelings of everyone on Council.

Pastor introduced the Women's Ministries, our June Council guests, and gave a brief outline of the many activities in which they are involved. Among a variety of discussions, the hope was voiced that families who use the church for funeral luncheons try to hold their luncheon prior to the final drive to a cemetery. This causes a very long time delay for the ladies who prepare, serve, and then clean up afterward. The consideration of the families involved would be very deeply appreciated. Toni Hill reported the Spring Rummage Sale had been very successful, due in part to a Senior Center that had brought a bus of senior citizens to our sale. Kathy Williams shared information on women's activities with which she has been involved, and outlined plans for several outings that will occur from now through the fall.

Kathy Williams offered her report on Health Ministries. Printed copies of a report for the months of April and May were available. She leads a new exercise class, offers CPR classes which includes use of the Defibrillator.

Gary Peters gave the Financial Report. Weekly envelopes remain slightly under our Budgeted expectation. We are ahead of the income figures from 2016 at this time; a positive sign. Our total giving for Easter will close lower than the former year. Gary gave a rundown on other areas of income and we will continue to work to increase monetary income figures in all areas. It will be a focus for council to keep the congregation updated and aware of the budget

A motion was made by Bev Gunther seconded by Barb Schultz, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Pastor Drutchas gave his report for the past month and supplied printed copies for all. There were fewer hospitalizations and illnesses among the congregation. The family room has been put to use, successfully, week after week. Pastor noted we need a strap of some kind to keep the babies' floor mat rolled and out of sight. The handicapper ramp to the addition is very much appreciated by those who now use it. The access door is not always open for all activities; this to be addressed by the Cabinet. Folding chairs should be placed and available in the Sacristy Closet for meetings in the new Family room.

Printed report supplied by Christian Education. Pastor Drutchas reported on the Young Adult (Thirsty Thursday) Group and noted that it has been very successful.

Mike Isaacs reported for the Trustees. Napier Roofing has been given the job of repairing/re-roofing the Parsonage. Air Conditioning for the classroom above the West Room has been tabled for the present time.

The Kitchen Air Conditioning project is also temporarily on hold due to the cost. Mike listed a number of projects that have been undertaken, including the removal of a dying tree

No Deacon's Report was available due to the current lack of a Senior Deacon. Dave Badarak, Trustee and Barb Schultz, Elder are also in the same position, due to other untimely resignations. The explanation regarding terms of service (found in the church By-Laws) for members of the Council needs to be addressed. Pastor noted also, that we need to schedule an Installation Service for newly named council members.

In the month of July, Pastor is hoping to schedule Thursday evening Worship Services. He plans that the services may be held out of doors, or in a similar, more casual style, and does not think he will need to schedule a Deacon.

A Spaghetti Dinner (Pasta Night) is proposed for either October or November and an open date needs to be determined. The thought was voiced that a Talent Show could be part of the same project, and could be a fun family evening. Pastor mentioned the dinner might also be styled like the Soup dinner, and give guests a choice of pasta.

Motion was made by Pam Lange seconded by Barb Schultz to schedule Pasta Night for 5:30 p.m., and a Talent Show at 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2017. Motion carried.

The July Picnic Weekend begins with a Steak Fry on Friday evening, camping out available for overnight on Saturday, and the all church Picnic on Sunday. Some discussion followed concerning the various details for the picnic (music, etc.). Mike Isaacs mentioned the large Tent can be in-place early enough to allow his use of the tent on July 22 for Matthew's graduation party. VBS can also use the tent during that time at no cost. Mike will determine if there is any added cost for the tent, chairs, and for liability of the items, and will pay those costs if needed.

Motion was made by Al Gunther seconded by Pam Lange to approve Mike Isaacs' use of the tent, and to pay any added costs, if any. Motion carried.

The Semi Annual Congregational Meeting is to be held each year on the second Sunday of July. A small Agenda for the meeting was discussed and agreed upon.

Pastor noted that the Council and all organizations and groups need to re-commit themselves to seriously help with bringing in funding donations. It is important that we finish out the second half of the year "In the Black".

Motion made by Bev Gunther seconded by Al Gunther to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. with a unison recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverley Gunther