

## ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 7:30 pm

Council members present: Kristi Caruso, April Clark, Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas, Allen Gunther, Michael Isaacs, Cheryl Kincaid, David Lange, Pam Lange, Gary Peters, Diane Poet, Dee Salisbury, Barbara Schultz, John Smith

Excused: David Badarak, Mark Ennis

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Diane Poet. Prayer offered by Pastor Geoffrey Drutchas.

Roll Call of Council Members/Staff – April Clark

Motion by David Lange seconded by Cheryl Kincaid to accept minutes of March 13, 2018.

Motion Carried

Additions/Deletions to Agenda - add to new business #3 Clarification of Duties of Deacons and #4 Ushering after confirmation

Guest of Council: Cheryl Schalm Christian Education Ministry absent- Ask her to come to next meeting. Michelle Matney Girl Scouts Leader

Michelle is the leader and all correspondence should go through her. Many thanks to the Church for the opportunities afforded to the Girl Scouts. Girls Scouts are doing coffee hour for April. Cookie sale was very good. Sold 7000 boxes of cookies. All profits go right back into the program. Girls are going to Niagara Falls (American side) June 15-17, 2018, 40 people going. Bus leaves from Church and there will be a few of the parent's cars parked in the lot. Michelle should check with Harold about the cars. Meetings are 5:45pm – 7:30pm. This shouldn't interfere with TOPS. TOPS meet at 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Girls Scout bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall was decorated by the girls. Kathy Williams has provided Red Cross training in the past. Last year the Men's Fellowship donated \$500.00 to the scouts to help with their Chicago trip, helping girls who couldn't afford to go on the trip. Good working relationship with Church very much appreciated.

Can girls meet after church for the next two Sundays for special program? Yes, if room is available.

Treasurer Report – Gary Peters provided a printed report. March was a good month. Overall Budget looks good.

Motion by Dave Lange seconded by Michael Isaacs to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

### Reports and Updates (Staff/Council)

Pastor Drutchas provided a printed report and discussed the work he has been doing for the month of March 2018. Worship prep, visitation/counseling, Christian Education Community Outreach, Communications, Miscellaneous (Helping with Fish Fry) and Administrative Duties. Talked about Maundy Thursday Service. Discussion ensued. Elder needed to be at the Communion table. Sound Tech needs to be scheduled for special services.

Christian Education provide a printed report which outline their activities, progress and plans for the near future.

Health Ministries no report given.

Trustees – John Smith and Michael Isaacs – Pastor’s garage door was broken and was fixed at no charge. Talked about use of Softball Fields for a Traveling team. Michael Isaacs will contact them.  
Boy Scouts wanted to use the parking on Rummage Sale Day. It was declined.  
Note of Concern regarding Church Safety. Church Safety was discussed.

Deacons – Allen Gunter written report received. Sign-up sheet was passed around for Council Help at services.

Elders – David Lange – Membership retention should be reported on by next month. Easter Service very well attended.

#### Old Business

Council Coffee Hour – April Clark – Sign-up sheet was sent around.  
Council Fun – Pastor Drutchas - Tabled.  
Church Security – discussion was held previously.

#### New Business

Protocol for Meetings – Diane Poet – Discussion ensued about taking our time deciding on motions and we can table business.

Contract for TOPS – Michael Isaacs – Contract all set. Open House on April 16, 2018

Clarification of Duties of Deacons – Allen Gunther – How should we open the double doors in the front of the church. East door bolted, and West door opened. Need Council input. Both doors need to be opened for safety. There needs to have a sign on the door next to the Tree of Life. What happens when no Sound Tech is here? Audio Board is set at default settings after each use. Inform Eric Poet to let someone know if there isn’t a Sound Tech. More volunteers are needed.

Ushering after Confirmation – David Lange – Hard getting Ushers. Should we approach Confirmands about continue Ushering duties? Bell ringers needed.

Next Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Barbara Schultz said that she put information regarding the Rummage Sale on Comcast and New Herald.

Motion to adjourn by Michael Issacs seconded by Cheryl Kincaid. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by

April Clark