

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Attendees: Donna Felch, Margaret Hand, Tom Splittgerber, Michelle Bohm, Jeff Berg, Mark Sbrocco, Stefanie Trakel, Jane Marotz, John Rische & Pr Kyle Backhaus

Excused: Brad Ten Pas

Guest: Thomas Walkenhorst

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		President Margaret Hand called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.	
Opening Prayer		Pr Kyle opened with a devotion and prayer.	
Worship Ministry Update	Thomas Walkenhorst reported that his is currently attending the majority of all worship services to assist with leading worship in song and performing in with the worship teams. Volunteers for the worship teams are still needed. Thomas is developing better communication with the ushers. This is very important as changes in requirements are occurring frequently right now. He will work with the ushers to encourage people to spread out in the worship center now that the pew closures have been removed. Thomas creates all slides, Orders of Worship and selects all the music for services. In selecting music, he is paying close attention to the lyrics to ensure they are doctrinally based. He is also working with an 8 member Vocal Ensemble, which is a smaller version of the Adult Choir, to try to provide at least some special music for upcoming services. Thomas will be solely responsible for the AV booth, but is looking for a volunteer booth supervisor to help coordinate things for him. Some of Thomas' job duties are being adjusted due to Vicky's retirement, to more closely align with his position. He also continues to assist TGP with sing-alongs.	Thomas will make sure that all ushers at the 7:45 and 9:15 services will notify a Pastor immediately if someone is not wearing a mask at these mask mandatory services.	Thomas Walkenhorst

February Secretary Report		A motion was made by Margaret Hand via email on 2/18/21 to approved the February Secretary's Report. Brad Ten Pas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
February Treasurer Report	Donna has done extensive research regarding what is appropriate in regards to investing funds. The Church Council is in agreement that cash needs to remain liquid and cannot be locked up in investments, other than CDs. This new policy will be shared at the April Congregation Meeting.	A policy will be put together regarding how church cash will be invested which will be sent via email for approval. A motion was made by Mark Sbrocco to approve the February Treasurer Report. John Rische seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Donna Felch & Stefanie Trakel
Stained Glass Window Proposal	We have multiple stained glass windows that are rotting and in need of repair. The window near the library is in the worst shape. The cost to repair this window is \$10,276. The ongoing Stained Glass Window Dedicated Fund has enough money to cover this repair. An estimate will be sought for the entire remaining project to advertise to the Congregation.	A motion was made by Jane Marotz to approve the window repair as quoted. Michele Bohm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Floor Scrubber	Our custodial staff is requesting the purchase of a floor scrubber. This will allow for more efficient floor cleaning, as it sweeps, washes and dries the floor all at the same time. Multiple quotes were sought and the machine from Professional Supply is recommended in the amount of \$4,000, which includes an additional battery.	A motion was made by Donna Felch to approve the purchase of the floor scrubber from the Capital Improvement Fund. Margaret Hand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Policy #56 – Guidelines for Membership	The Elders and Pr Kyle created a policy for membership that was shared and reviewed by Church Council.	A motion was made by Jeff Berg to approve policy #56 with an addition of the following sentence: "Exceptions will be made for special circumstances when the church is notified, such as shut ins and military personnel". John Rische seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	Stefanie Trakel
Elder Team Update	A new Elder has been added to the team, Keith Schmidt. There was some interest in small groups with the soft marketing campaign that was just done. At this point the marketing will be on hold until pandemic issues are resolved and then a stronger campaign will be held.		

	A long discussion regarding mask requirements was held and adjustments to worship. These have been published and will be effective following Easter.		
Senior Pastor Report	Pastor Kyle reported: • He continues preaching and preparing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter services. • Visitations to shut ins and counseling sessions continue. • 9 weddings are scheduled for later this year, 2 weddings we are unlikely able to do since they fall on the same dates. If we get another Pastor we could possibly officiate these weddings. • Pr Kyle is attending PLI virtually at the end of this week. • Synod Convention has been pushed to 2023. • Information regarding the potential Equality Act that recently passed in the House was shared. It is currently with the Senate and will have very significant impacts to the church if passed.		
Adjournment	The Congregation Meeting will be Tuesday, April 27 at 6:45 pm with the Church Council Meeting to follow.	A motion was made by Jane Marotz to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm. Seconded by Michelle Bohm. Motion carried unanimously.	
Closing Prayer		Mark Sbrocco closed in prayer.	