

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting

Monday, November 12, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Tom Michael called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and devotions were led by Amy Drake. Pastor Jon Bull, Karla Kruse, Pastor Rebecca Grate, Deb Wallace, Amy Drake, Jean Forsythe, Tom Michael, Scott Beckett, Stephan Schindehette were present and Andy Schall was excused.

Guests/Visitors- None

Administrative Reports

- Secretary's Report - Amy Drake

Approval of October minutes as presented electronically. Karla moved to accept and Deb second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

- Treasurer's Report - Andy Schall presented electronically. Dollar wise we are more in line where we want to be, but can see a resurgence coming in November and Dec. October was lower than past trends but rebounding. Council would like to review attendance numbers each month and more information published in the bulletin regarding budget/giving and attendance. Scott moved to accept and Jean second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

- Pastor Bull's Report - Pastor Jonathan Bull presented his report electronically. Council to meet with GSB representative Mike Ward on 11/26 7pm.

Bil Lyon has submitted his resignation as the Assistant Treasurer. Council accepts with regrets and thanks Bil for his outstanding years of service. Andy Schall to make recommendations for Assistant Treasurer at January Council meeting.

- Pastor Grate's Report - Pastor Rebecca Grate presented her report electronically. The grant application has been submitted to the ELCA for a Youth event at St. Paul. Matthew Longfellow, Oliva Baden and Amy Drake will serve on this planning committee. Planning meetings are upcoming.

She and Olivia Baden went to Nebraska for an ELCA Youth Event that was very rewarding.

Committee Reports

- Education/Youth - Amy Drake - did not meet, report submitted electronically with an average of 30 kids and adults participation weekly in the Spykids program.

- Inreach/Outreach - Jean Forsythe reported that about 40 folks participated in the Trunk or Treat that moved inside due to inclement weather.

- Scholarship - Tom Michael - did not meet.

- Property/Cemetery/Interior Design - Scott Beckett – submitted report electronically.

Fire System fully operational. Cemetery is cleaned up of the downed trees. Boiler cleaning/repair parts have been ordered. Resetting of the thermostats will be done next week. Locksmith coming for handle repairs. The fence company contracted for the Praise team space in the basement has gone out of business and new company search has begun.

Personnel has approved all items for a fulltime maintenance position. Scott will move forward with final discussions for hire. Property page on the website is coming soon.

- Technology - Stephan Schindehette – submitted electronically. Tom Bonds is the Temporary chair. Security login breach was attempted and reported. Access was not successful, no information obtained. Further measures have been taken to update processes of making changes to the accounts as well as processes upon the leaving of personnel.

- Worship/Music - Karla Kruse –submitted the report electronically. Praise band is on the upswing. Live Nativity and several special services during Advent are upcoming. Selling foam and old tables from the Bell choir equipment. We have gotten a new piano for the Choir room. There will be another movie Night hosted by Worship and Music in January and the congregation will be invited.

- Personnel/Administration - Deb Wallace – meeting on Wednesday, 11/14/18.

- Stewardship/Finance - Andy Schall – presented electronically. As of the meeting, 123 statements of intent have been returned for \$447854. Of that, \$86,281 in new money has been promised. The Challenge was for 160 giving units to respond and 20 new giving units. We have exceed our 20 new giving unit total.

Old Business/Action Item Follow-Up

- Council elections. Scott and Tom have agreed to run again next year as well as Randy Schieffer. Jean has declined. Council will approve slate of nominees via electronic vote.

New Business

The 2nd Annual meeting will meet on Dec 2, 2018 at 10:30 am. Bios of candidates will go out to congregation by 11/21/18. Scott moved and Karla second to hold the meeting on Dec 2. Unanimously passed.

December 15, 2018 will be the council holiday gathering at the Beckett's home. This will include all current and future council members for 2019. Please come and bring your spouse or significant other.

Devotions For November – Karla Kruse

Next Meeting – In lieu of December Meeting, we will meet for the Holiday Gathering at the Beckett's.

Adjournment – Stephan moved and Deb second the motion to adjourn at 9:17 pm. Unanimously passed.

Lord's Prayer