

## **St. Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting**

Monday, October 15, 2018 @ 7:08 PM

Tom Michael called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and devotions were led by Tom Michael. Pastor Jon Bull, Karla Kruse, Pastor Rebecca Grate, Deb Wallace, Amy Drake, Jean Forsythe, Tom Michael, Andy Schall, were present. Scott Beckett and Stephan Schindehette were excused.

### **Guests/Visitors- None**

### **Administrative Reports**

- Secretary's Report - Amy Drake

Approval of September Minutes as presented electronically. Jean moved to accept and Karla second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

- Treasurer's Report - Andy Schall presented electronically. Amy moved to accept and Karla second the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

- Pastor Bull's Report - Pastor Jonathan Bull presented his report electronically. Stewardship for all Seasons started, there will be 2 more inserts coming in coming weeks. The materials have been fabulous. We all will get the final letter and statement of intent in advance. Council and Stewardship committee will be meeting for dinner at Deb Wallace home and return our cards. We are asking to increase the giving of all by \$5 per week.

35% of all our giving happens in December. If we have a surplus where would we like it to go? Discussion. Andy moved and Jean second the motion to give to all surplus to Lutheran Disaster Relief and Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio in 50/50 proportion.

Capital campaign discussion. Time frame, cost, etc. Pastor Jon will reach out to get at least 2 other RFP's. Deb moves based on the recommendation of the Financial Management team that we proceed with exploring a 3 year capital campaign by interviewing GSB and 2 other fundraising companies. Andy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Target of Mid December to make decision. Unanimously passed.

Companion congregation with Tanzania. Pastor Jon recommends SPLC to start this partnership that is about relationships not about only sending money to help. The Southern Ohio Synod is partnered with the diocese and we are partnering with a congregation. Andy moves we move forward with this partnership, Deb seconds and motion passes unanimously.

Deb moves and Andy seconds that we move to Executive session for personnel discussions.

Pastor Rebecca moved and Jean second that council leave executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Karla moves and Andy second to approve Jill Long be added to the nursery sub list. Unanimously passed.

- 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.

She and Olivia Baden will be going to Nebraska for an ELCA Youth Event in November.

The state of the Women's ministry at St. Paul is being discussed of continuing independently or joining with the ELCA Women's Ministry overall organization.

### **Committee Reports**

- Education/Youth - Amy Drake - did not meet, report submitted electronically.
- Inreach/Outreach - Jean Forsythe

Ministry Fair had 38 groups participate and 25 cars/family's signed up for Trunk or Treat.

- Scholarship - Tom Michael - did not meet.
- Property/Cemetery/Interior Design - Scott Beckett

Fire system project is set for installation next week. Council will be trained on its use.

Maintenance position discussed for a fulltime person. Andy recommends we hire James Dunlap for the Custodial/Maintenance Tech contingent upon Personnel committee review of job description and benefit requirements along with the creation of corresponding line item in the budget. Deb second the recommendation and it unanimously passed.

Parking lot quotes coming in.

- Technology - Stephan Schindehette – submitted electronically. Tom bonds is the Temporary chair.
- Worship/Music - Karla Kruse –New this fall will be a Talent Share event on 10/21 at 4pm.
- Personnel/Administration - Deb Wallace – BCI checks were not yet complete, 5 still outstanding.
- Stewardship/Finance - Andy Schall – presented electronically and we are getting closer to budget per the Financial Secretary report.

### **Old Business/Action Item Follow-Up**

- Council elections. Tom has agreed to run again next year. Jean has declined.

### **New Business**

**None**

### **Devotions For November – Amy Drake**

**Next Meeting – November 12, 2018 at 7 PM**

**Adjournment** - Andy moved and Karla second the motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Unanimously passed.

### **Lord's Prayer**