

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

~ **Make Disciples, Live Faithfully, Serve Others** ~

7:08 pm Call to Order by Tom Michael.

Devotions led by Karla Kruse.

Present: Pastor Jon Bull, Scott Beckett, Jean Forsythe, Pastor Rebecca Grate, Deb Wallace, Andy Schall, Amy Drake, Tom Michael, Karla Kruse, Stephan Schindehette.

Guests/Visitors- none

Administrative Reports

- Secretary's Report - Amy Drake presented electronically.
 - Approval of March Minutes - Deb moved to accept as presented and Jean second the motion. Unanimously passed.
- Treasurer's Report - Andy Schall presented electronically. He will run the reports again as not all the lines came through. We will vote electronically once it is sent out again.
- Pastor Bull's Report - Pastor Jonathan Bull -Thank you for all the many things in the last month, especially Holy Week and the incredible music shared as well. Pastor Rebecca and Pastor Jon will be covering All Shepherds Lutheran Church, Lewis Center, for emergencies and hospital visits as the Pastors are traveling to a family funeral out of state. Scott moved, Andy second the motion to transfer the membership of the Fred E and Ann E. Tim. Motion unanimously carried. Pastor will be gone from May 6 -22 to visit Sarah in Europe.
- Pastor Grate's Report - Pastor Rebecca Grate – Youth raised \$4500 during the silent auction and chili cook off. We have enough money to send the youth to the gathering and we will continue fundraising to replenish and build the fund for other youth activities and future gatherings. The Schuman's condo in Florida did not “sell”, however 3 different interested parties. Would like to open up to an online bid situation. Scott moved and Andy second the motion to set up for online auction. Unanimously carried to give it a go. We have 14 in our new member class for 4/22/18.

Committee Reports

- Education/Youth - Amy Drake we did not meet.
- Inreach/Outreach - Jean Forsythe presented that May 7 is the women's gathering and will have a Westerville City Schools intervention Coordinator come to discuss /prepare students for emergencies /crisis. She will also bring resource officers to present and answer questions. The committee will also be inviting students and parents to participate.

Habitat Humanity committee has been presented as a new ministry. Karen Kruse is wanting to and is willing to head the committee. The I/O committee recommends to make this an official ministry and agreed to support it going forward. Graduates are being honored, see the bulletin for more information.

- Scholarship - Tom Michael did not meet but did communicate via emails discussing eligibility for the scholarship at ELCA institutions or religious vocation at a non-ELCA institution.

- Property/Cemetery/Interior Design - Scott Beckett– Outside the landscaping company has begun the clean-up of flower beds and new mulch put down, process starting for summer lawn care with weekly and biweekly schedules and 4 treatments per year, Lawns by Reynolds. Survey of HVAC systems has determined 90% of issues were wiring issues and everything has been re-wired and everything currently functional. Narthex unit on roof is only AC unit. Boiler working fine, but need to do cleaning now. Add vibration coupling to absorb the vibration so pipes not rubbing on the physical structure.

Fire system companies we have narrowed to 2 companies – Silco and Koorsen – with approval, will negotiate from there for a non-proprietary system that can and will continue to grow with us. This will include an upgrade of Narthex doors. The time frame once selected will take 2-4 weeks to upgrade and will be offline minimally and either company will provide fire- watch if/when off line during the transition.

Required inspections throughout the building are ongoing throughout the year and we need to be on an annualized maintenance program to adequately insure all items are taken care of in a timely and efficient manner. Missing or delays in various inspections could cause significant fines/fees.

Action item – What can the committee move forward with? Discussion of funding and budgets, action items, etc. major repair fund; contingency funds.

Stephan moved we allocate up to \$60,000 to do the “RED” repairs and the boiler vibration isolation for boiler piping, using the major repair fund(3.820.145) first, and contingency fund(3.820. 110)secondarily. Andy Second. Passed unanimously.

- Technology - Stephan Schindehette domain control plans to do this and will notify when done.

- Worship/Music - Karla Kruse – The committee had discussions of improvements from Holy Week, of banners at the top of the main entrance ramp if need repaired, or new ones we would like to have, as well as Music Sunday, 1st Sunday in June. This will include a picnic. Prayer vigil got very good feedback, will do again with discussions how to improve and have more participation in the future.

- Personnel/Administration - Deb Wallace presented a new spreadsheet has been created and implemented to track file items and sheet for updating fingerprints in all personnel files. Dates for going to WPD to get the fingerprints/ background

checks were sent out to those we are needing updated. We are looking for keyboardist and we will have an electronic vote when candidate is presented.

- Stewardship/Finance - Andy Schall presented his report electronically. Committee feels we are on track with the budget. The Financial Secretary is very optimistic at where we are at this point in the year.

Old Business/Action Item Follow-Up

-Check Signing Status – Andy will get driver’s license copies and forms to sign from the bank to move forward.

-Financial Management Task Force, this Saturday, April 21 9 - 11 AM

- All sound equipment is in and installed. Old equipment has been boxed and sent back and it will be 6-8 weeks to get refund/rebates.

New Business

-New safe installed. Prior safe was 18 years old and was not functioning/locking properly. New one is more of a night deposit style so no needs to open on Sunday mornings, deposits can be made easily.

Devotions For May - Jean Forsythe

Next Meeting - May 14, 2018 at 7 PM

Adjournment - Lord's Prayer – 9:00pm. Andy moved and Karla second the motion to adjourn. Unanimously passed.