

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

Monday, February 12 @ 7:00pm

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

**Meeting** Called to order at 7:10 pm.

**Devotions** were led by Pastor Jon.

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

**Guests/Visitors-none**

## **Administrative Reports**

- Secretary's Report - Amy Drake – submitted electronically. Karla moved and Deb second the motion to accept as presented. Vote unanimously passed. February Congregational Meeting minutes were submitted electronically. Andy moved and Stephan second the motion to approve as presented. Vote unanimously passed.

- Treasurer's Report - Andy Schall presented electronically. Amy moved and Deb second the motion to approve the report as presented. Vote unanimously passed.

- Pastor Bull's Report – Pastor Jonathan Bull has been working/assisting with the tragedy of two fallen officers, their families and the police and fire department officers.

We need to continue to look at what needs to happen before the first house is built across the street. Continue to welcome and greet those that you do not know.

-Council action: Nursery candidate previously approved by council, did not accept the position. Pastor Jon moved and Tom second we recommend hiring Cameron Giordano pending passage of background check. Vote unanimously passed.

-Synod responded to our constitutional changes/recommendations. Most issues were grammatical changes. Pastor Jon recommends we accept their grammatical and formatting non substantive changes. These changes in no way change the intent of the document. Karla moved and Jean second we accept their changes. Vote unanimously passed.

- Pastor Grate's Report - Pastor Rebecca Grate is leading 1<sup>st</sup> communion classes March 4 and March 11 for kindergarten and above, all are welcome. Maundy Thursday worship is the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion presentation and worship for the children. Going to Houston again for more planning for the gathering. Database of members needs updating if not an overhaul of information that is entered and saved. We have not been utilizing this resource in the past for all it is capable of and will begin utilizing in many ways moving forward.

## **Committee Reports**

- Education - Amy Drake reported they did not meet. Spykids, Confirmation, and adult bible study are all going well.
- Youth Report - Amy Drake reported the hoagie sale was a big success. \$1000 raised. Silent Auction and Chili cook-off coming in March. This traditionally has been an integral part in our fundraising efforts for the youth.
- Inreach/Outreach - Jean Forsythe reported Shepherds won the LSS Souper bowl giving competition. Jean is now in charge of welcome center, Soup suppers, Hoe-Down in July.
- Scholarship - Tom Michael reported the committee did not meet.
- Property/Cemetery/Interior Design – Scott Beckett via Pastor Jon. Regulator on Propane tank was leaking and now has been replaced. Circuit board replaced for the Furnace for in the Narthex, circuit board had completely died. Fellowship hall heat is not working properly as well. Old part of church fire panel is not working. Back and forth many times trying to figure out the issue. We have 3 companies coming out this week for proposals to change from Simplex Grynell We will determine which fire system to change over to that will also do upgrades and to get this system back on line as soon as possible.
- Technology - Stephan Schindehette reported the committee did not meet in February. They are working on streaming services on the website. This streaming of services will not be immediate yet, but working on making it happen in the nearer future. New projection device can display all wireless type devices, and our new phone systems will work with any new fire system. Website is up and running and giving is coming in via the web successfully.
- Worship & Music - Karla Kruse reported they committee has reviewed all advent/xmas services and discussed Lenten/ Easter services. New to us furniture has been delivered and put in place.
- Personnel & Administration - Deb Wallace reported background check updates will be needed and done via Westerville PD. They will keep track and charge us for all participating in one bill.
- Stewardship & Finance - Andy Schall reported the Finance Secretary report seems a bit off this month, however as a target, we will be looking for \$12,000 a week in giving to hit our budget for the year. Andy made a motion to increase Bookkeeper salary by 3% from \$18 per hour to \$18.53 retro to Jan. 1, Deb 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The vote was unanimously passed.

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

-Microphone \$5800 quote status – Overall this is a cost of \$6600 however there are rebates we will receive for returning the microphones on the old frequency. We pay up front and upon return of the old microphones, we will receive a rebate check in return. Net balance is \$5351.25 through Shure to get this deal. New will be rechargeable rather than constantly changing batteries. Motion was presented by Andy to us the restricted

contingency fund, up to \$6800, to purchase wireless microphones and equipment. Stephan second the motion. The Vote unanimously passed.

### **New Business**

- Check Signing - Andy Schall will set up a meeting with Chase for new signature cards. Amy and Tom will be added. Phil Baden and Ryan will be removed as signers.

### **Devotions For March - Amy Drake**

### **Next Meeting - March 12, 2018 at 7 pm**

**Adjournment - Lord's Prayer -8:49 pm**– Andy moved and Jean second the motion to adjourn. The vote unanimously passed.