

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting - Agenda

Monday, September 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

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

Call to order 7:10 pm followed by devotions given by Karla.

Guests/Visitors Present: Gretchen Zody, Amy Drake, Andy Schall, Tom Michael, Pastor Rebecca Grate, Jean Forsythe, Scott Beckett, Ryan Rackley, Karla Kruse, Pastor Jon Bull.

Administrative Reports

- Secretary's Report – Ryan moved to approve as submitted, with Tom second and unanimous vote.
- Treasurer's Report - Andy/Bil – is delayed and will be approved by electronic vote when submitted.
- Pastor Jon's Report - Pastor Bull was called out to two early morning calls of need via the Westerville Division of police and participated in the 9/11 ceremony of remembrance for the city.
- PLEASE double check all doors locked before leaving on Sunday morning or anytime you are closing up the church after an event. Also check the light switches and the coffee pot and TV are turned off. Arrival on Sunday morning by 7:30 am for building attender.
- Pastor's Discretionary fund was discussed as an anonymous member would like to contribute "seed" money to this fund to begin and council would replenish with surplus funds when it has when depleted to a certain level. Both Pastor's would be aware of who/how are being helped and both would sign off on a case by case basis, not for members only but also those within the community. Andy moved we create a designated fund for the Pastors to use at their discretion in helping others in need with appropriate documentation. The initial deposit of \$5000 by an anonymous donor with no cap and minimum balance of \$500 to be replenished by council vote or supplemental donations. Gretchen second and vote carries unanimously.
- Pastor Rebecca's Report - Pastor Rebecca reported 9 definite members going to Houston with a few more to finalize in the coming weeks. Coming soon is a new member class and reception in October. Also Homebound communion training will be Saturday from 10am – noon.

Committee Reports

- Education – Gretchen – did not meet
- Youth Report – Gretchen – did not meet
- Inreach/Outreach – Jean wrap up of the summer activities. We had a great slate of activities and attendance at those activities this summer. Thank you!!!
- Scholarship – Tom – did not meet

- Property/Cemetery/Interior Design – Scott reported church and garage have been power washed, trees planted around the paly ground, roof repair completed. Mission critical items moving forward: Committee will be hiring out the mowing and snow removal and will obtain 3 bids before making decision. Items also in need of addressing: Boiler cleaning will be occurring in the next month as it has not been done in many years. Some repair and re-routing of pipes will need to take place to eliminate their rubbing on the foundation with the possibility of bursting and further damage occurring. Cleaning/service of the septic system will take place this fall for \$500 and will satisfy Franklin County and eliminate a \$50 fee to the county. Gravel parking lot weed treatment, carpets cleaned and repaired, and replacement windows in the Narthex as the wood has rotted are all slated for review and repair.
- Technology – Ryan met and the new website will be live by the end of the month.
- Worship & Music – Karla – meeting tomorrow evening
- Personnel & Administration – Scott reported keyboardist, Kelly Long is in the interim position. Position will be posted again at local colleges.
- Stewardship & Finance – Andy reported met last week and discussed stewardship campaign will be focused on Ministry, how folks can get involved, where they can give, where can grow, and Where do you see Jesus in your ministries. Tom will speak first about ASP, Karla for music and worship and Scott will be talking on infrastructure. These will be after the gospel and before the sermon for the month of October. Please get your committee budget information to Andy by the end of the week.

Old Business/Action Item Follow-Up

- Survey Of Congregation - Worship And Music Developing - TBD
- Employee Handbook From Personnel Committee - TBD
- Constitution Update Needed - Ryan - First Meeting Held At 6pm and notifying council they will be presenting a proposal to church council and the congregation regarding constitutional changes.
- Check Signing - Next Steps - Andy - TBD

New Business

- Reminder On Council Member Names & Rerunning Candidates. Amy and Andy will Re-run. Ryan will post in the bulletin.

Prefer To Have Names Locked In Place By October Meeting

Devotions For October - Jean

Next Meeting - October 9th, 2017 at 7pm

Adjournment at 8:58pm. Scott moved to adjourn, Gretchen second and unanimous vote.- **Lord's Prayer**