

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Church Council Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

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

Ryan Rackley Called to order at 7:01pm.

Present: Scott Beckett, Jean Forsythe, Andy Schall, Pastor Rebecca Grate, Tom Michaels, Amy Drake, Ryan Rackley, Gretchen Zody, Pastor Jon Bull, Karla Kruse

Devotions – Scott Beckett led to open the meeting.

Guests/Visitors -None

Administrative Reports

- Secretary's Report – Minutes Ryan moved and Tom second to approve the minutes as submitted electronically. Vote passed unanimously.
- Treasurer's Report - Andy/Bil – Questions/discussion regarding Youth expenses, contingency fund and community service project lines. Andy moved and Jean second the motion to accept as presented electronically. Unanimously passed.
- Pastor Jon's Report - Pastor Bull – Discussion of communication with Pete Radowski regarding four main categories to address when new development is coming to and around current congregation. Much more to come for 2018 council to discuss regarding development across the road. Discussion of council assisting during various services throughout the Advent/Christmas season.
- Pastor Rebecca's Report - Pastor Rebecca – Please check out the new website. Help and encourage your committees to set up their pages and what all should be included. Phil Baden and Peg Kennedy have resigned their duties leading confirmation classes. Great thanks to them for their many years of excellent service. Ashley Rudd, Phil Rudd and Michael Bull will be assisting moving forward.

Committee Reports

- Education – Gretchen – did not meet.
- Youth Report – Gretchen – did not meet.
- Inreach/Outreach – Jean – did not meet
- Scholarship – Tom – Gave 1 scholarship to Brian Schindehette.
- Property/Cemetery/Interior Design – Scott – nothing to report.
- Technology – Ryan – Currently trouble shooting a paypal issue, website is up and running and Brandon Smith will be the new Chair of the committee.
- Worship & Music – Karla – did not meet.
- Personnel & Administration – Scott – Ryan moved and Karla second to hire Savannah Taylor Sutton, subject to completion of background check for the nursery position. She is an Otterbein Music major with various experience doing similar work. Unanimously passed.
- Stewardship & Finance – Andy – Putting together the budget numbers for 2018. Pledges are up about 2% from last year as well as a trend of increased giving

from non-pledged giving. Projecting increase of about 7% overall. Feel 2017 will end as a wash for the year. 2018 will present a deficit budget as in 2017.

- Year end reports should go to Velda ASAP.
- Will need electronic vote of 2018 budget prior to next council meeting of 1/15/18.

Old Business/Action Item Follow-Up

- Survey Of Congregation - Worship And Music Developing - TBD

New Business

- **Nursery Candidate** - *Savannah Taylor Sutton* - Ryan moved and Karla second to hire Savannah Taylor Sutton, subject to completion of background check for the nursery position. She is an Otterbein Music major with various experience doing similar work. Unanimously passed.
- **Thanks to everyone for the great help at congregational meeting.** Suggest a person to take on the role of Parliamentarian to keep everyone on track and following the correct procedure.
- **Preparing For Council Transition:** Officer Elections, Yearly Safe Code Change, Council Email Group, Committee Assignments, Building Attender Assignments & Shadowing, Check Signing, Set Council Dates, Website Updates.
- **Preparing For Congregational Meeting - February 4th, 2018:** Notification Of Meeting (Bulletin/Email), Budget Approval, Congregational Packet In Advance, Read Back Minutes, Introduce New Council Team, Identify And Thank Those That Ran, Send Constitution Changes To Synod Following Congregational Minutes Review And Approval.

Devotions For January - Ryan

Next Meeting - January 15th, 2018 at 7pm

Ryan moved to **Adjourn** and Gretchen second at 8:51 pm. Unanimously passed.

- Lord's Prayer