

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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December BOND—2017



Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2017 - 6 pm

Present: Bob Rasmusson, Ardu Cleveland, Nancy Jones, Merley Rasmusson, Joyce Wichelt, Julie Schroeder, John Heim

Excused: Emily Lewandowski, Cheryl Peters

Call to order at 6:04 by Bob Rasmusson

Devotion:— Ardu — God Pause from Luther Seminary. The scripture Jeremiah 31 versus 31 thru 34

- ♦ John will do devotions for December

Mission statement: We are guided by the Holy Spirit in a Christ centered mission to love and serve God, those in need and one another.

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Nancy

Approval of minutes: Motion made by John to approve the amended by removing Joyce as present in October council minutes, second by Merley, motion carried.

Member Concerns:

- ♦ Process is really hurting people a lot. The majority understands the reality, yet that doesn't make it hurt less. More are speaking about it which is good.
- ♦ Would it be good to have Pastor Ted lead us in discussion about the grief we are feeling?
 - We will wait until after the vote to pursue this.

Executive Committee:

- ♦ General discussion on Synod. No new information. The Synod council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017.
- ♦ Nancy will set up a meeting with Sheila and Don.
- No raises will be given this year

Treasurer's Report:

- ♦ Profit & Loss for October – net income -\$2600.
- ♦ Balance Sheet – year to date is about -\$3,631. 75
- ♦ Motion to approve Merley, second by John, motion carried

Old Business:

- ♦ none

New Business:

- ♦ **Security of the church** - Someone got into the church and went through the doors and cupboards and other areas in the church. They took a bike of one of the Chinese members. Nothing else was taken.
 - We will unlock the two doors (East and West) in the front of the church during the church service and lock them after the church service. Our ushers will be able to monitor activity of anyone entering those doors. The doors that are visible from the vestibule will be unlocked; the doors that lead directly down to the basement will be locked.
 - We will not unlock the back door by the small parking lot on Sunday mornings.
 - We will ask the Chinese congregation to use the West Avenue doors.
 - The ushers will be sure to lock the East and West front doors as part of the closing duties.
- ♦ **Synod meeting** will be held Thursday, November 16th.
 - We should hear of their decision by Friday.

- ◆ **Congregational Ballot**
 - ◇ We set it up with three options, close, merge or give to synod.
 - ◇ It will be a paper ballot.
 - ◇ Members must be present to vote as that's in the constitution.
- ◆ **Congregational vote date**
 - ◇ December 3, 2017 immediately following the service.
 - ◇ Members must be present to vote. This is per the constitution.
- ◆ **2018 Proposed Budget - Curt**
 - ◇ Curt looked at the Sept 30th actual and compared that to 2017 budget to come up with the 2018 proposal.
 - ◇ Reviewed budget a couple adjustments will be made to the proposal. We will approve at December meeting.

- ◆ **Christmas decorating**
 - ◇ Sharon Larson will lead this.
 - ◇ The date is Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 am
- ◆ **CD Ministry**
 - ◇ Committee decided that we won't be sending CDs out to shut-ins. We will only send them out to those who request to receive one. Very few were listening to the CD. Sheila will continue to send the bulletin and bond to the shut-ins.
 - ◇ Add a statement to the bond "If you would like to receive a CD of the service, please contact the church office."

- ◆ **Endowment**
 - ◇ Motion made and seconded to accept disbursements from the Endowment Fund interest, motion carried.

Team Reports:

Building and Grounds – Bob

- ◆ **Parking Lot**
 - ◇ On a Saturday when we had a wedding, Don happened to drive by to see our parking lot full with cars from the church school. Don called the principal and pastor who went to the school to announce the cars needed to be moved as we have a wedding. Some cars were moved.
 - ◇ We will talk with the pastors and principals to have them check with us if they would like to use the parking lot.
 - ◇ We will put cones at the entrances to the lot when our church is being used.
- ◆ **Front Door Lock**
 - ◇ \$1000 is needed to fix the front door lock. Motion by Joyce and second by Curt to approve, motion carried.
- ◆ **Heating the Sanctuary during the week**
 - ◇ The September heating cost was \$900. Trane Company came to access and it is in need of computer program update. We will go forward with the update.

Congregational Care – Ardus

- ◆ **Thanksgiving Pie**
 - ◇ We have six people who signed up to bring pies.
 - ◇ We would like to invite the Chinese. We will ask Pastor Ted to extend the invitation. Bob will contact Pastor Ted.

- ◆ **Stewardship/Outreach – John**
 - ◇ Update on the **ELCA's call for assist**. John thanks the congregation for their generosity.
 - ◇ **Hamilton School** - as winter approaches, we are making a request for boots and gloves
 - ◇ 25 in attendance for the **Washburn Neighborhood meeting**. We will continue to offer our fellowship hall for their meetings. Next meeting is December 5th and it's a cookie exchange. All are welcome to attend!
 - ◇ **Advent mission's project** - The committee proposes to continue with the four projects which are Hamilton school, Warming Shelter, Salvation Army Food Pantry and WAFER.

◆ **Worship/Music – Cheryl**

- ◇ As submitted

◆ **Youth/Education – Curt**

- ◇ No report

◆ **WELCA –**

- ◇ No report

Closed with the Lord's Prayer – 7:24

Next Meeting: December 12, 2017

Council Secretary

Julie Schroeder

Unapproved minutes, subject to change

TEAM REPORTS

Congregational Care Team

Ardus Cleveland – Chairperson

VISITATION – COMMUNION MINISTRY

- (8) Communion Visits
- (11) Telephone Calls
- (3) Visits, No Communion
- (16) Cards Sent

Communion Team Members:

- Lorraine Bummert
- Ardus Cleveland
- Carol Dahl
- Judy Brockman, Coordinator

*Let Communion Team Members know if someone in St. Paul's congregation needs to be visited.

HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU – Lorraine Bummert, Marcia & Clar Brodt, and Chris & Curt Everson for providing refreshments for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship during the month of October.

PIE SOCIAL – Tuesday, November 21. After the Thanksgiving service we will gather for pie in the Fellowship Hall. Can you help? A signup sheet is in the narthex. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – Sharon Larson will once again Chair the Christmas Decorating Committee. Thank you Sharon. Members of St. Paul's will be participating in this event. Decorating will take place on Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Attendance: Ardus Cleveland, Curt Everson

Endowment Fund Interest was \$10,094.72.

The funds were dispersed as follows:

Sugar Creek -	\$500
Church World Services/ Crop Walk -	\$100
Coulee Council on Addictions -	\$500
ELCA Fund for Leaders -	\$500
Washburn Neighborhood Association -	\$500
Children's Miracle Network -	\$200

Lutheran Disaster Response -	\$5000
Hamilton Elementary School -	\$500
St. Claire Health Mission -	\$200
Total	\$8,000

Submitted by:

Curt Everson
Council Treasurer

HERITAGE TEAM

Present: Ardus Cleveland, Chairperson, Ray and Carrie Pearson

The secretary's report stood approved as read and placed on file. Ardus Cleveland reported a financial balance as of April, 2017 of \$449.86 in the treasury.

Carrie Pearson presented copies of the 2016 History Highlights.

Ray Pearson continues compiling the Church Bulletins and the BOND. Ardus will continue to check on purchasing additional boxes for storing church bulletins.

Ardus Cleveland continues to work on the chronological album to be placed in the Photo Collection file. Carrie Pearson will make labels for the Photo Collection.

The 147th anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran church will be recognized on Sunday, November 12. Ardus Cleveland will prepare publicity for the church bulletin and BOND. Carrie Pearson will order the cake to be served at the Coffee Fellowship. Ardus Cleveland will pick up the cake. Carrie Pearson will furnish napkins for the Coffee Fellowship.

2018 Heritage Committee Meeting Dates: April 9, July 9, October 8.

A work session followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Pearson, Secretary

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

In response to the ELCA'S call for assistance in meeting the needs of hurricane and wildfire victims, we have encouraged the congregation to pray and give generously. While the plight of our neighbors has been vividly portrayed by the media, we presented the challenge via the November Bond and Temple Talk. Special 'Disaster Relief' envelopes have been distributed. According to recent updates, 60% of our Puerto Rican neighbors are still without electricity and recovery will be a long process. And thanks to the congregation's generosity, we continue our relationship with Hamilton. With the onset of Winter, our focus will be on boots and gloves.

Our committee hosted the Washburn Neighborhood Association monthly meeting on Tues. Oct. 24 with about 25 folks present. We have agreed to furnish coffee and bottled water. St Paul's has agreed to offer our fellowship hall to them throughout the year. The next meeting is on Tues. Dec. 5 for a Christmas cookie exchange. (no meeting in November).

John Cleveland, Joyce Wichelt, John Heim

WORSHIP & MUSIC TEAM

Attendance: John Cleveland and Ellen Klomp

Hymn selection completed through Dec 31, 2017

Please note: Thanksgiving service will be at St. Paul's on Tuesday Nov. 21, 2017 @7 pm
Our Saviors will be having a Wednesday noon service on Nov. 22, 2017 individuals from our congregation have been invited to attend.

On Christmas Eve – Dec 24th there will not be a Sunday morning service, we will have Christmas Eve service as usual with Pastor Ted @ 4 pm

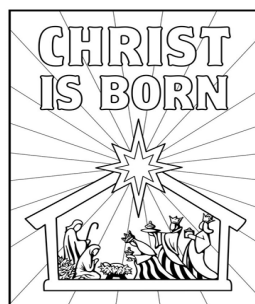
On Dec. 31st Sunday service will be as usual @ 9:00 am

Digital Sign messages:

- ◆ Remaining time in October:
Reformation 500 – It's all about Grace
- ◆ Nov 5th: Remember: the Saints that
Have gone before you

- ◆ Nov 12: Faith, Hope LOVE
- ◆ Nov 23: At All Times Give THANKS
- ◆ Nov 26: Advent: Come Now O Prince of Peace
- ◆ Dec 31: Remember- Put Christ First in your New Year.

Ellen Klomp



Worship the
Newborn King
Christmas Eve
Sunday, Dec 24th
4 pm

Candlelight Worship

with Communion

No morning service on December 24th

No Christmas Day worship



Christmas Poinsettias

The church will
once again be
decorated with

Poinsettias for Christmas. Would you like to donate one or two? Sign up sheets are inserted in the weekly announcements, in the BOND or contact the church office.

Deadline is Dec 10th.