

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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January BOND—2018



Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017 6 pm

Present: Bob Rasmusson, Ardu Cleveland, Curt Everson, Nancy Jones, Merley Rasmusson, Cheryl Peters, Julie Schroeder, John Heim

Excused: Emily Lewandowski, Joyce Wichelt

Call to order at 6:07 by Bob Rasmusson

Devotion: – John – 2 Peter chapter 3

Curt will do devotions for January

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 – John

Approval of minutes: Motion made by Nancy to approve the amended minutes by adding Curt Everson to 'present', second by John, motion carried.

Member Concerns:

- Rumor that the synod has turned down the offer. This is not true, the Synod continues their discussion.
- A member agreed that St. Paul's would be a good location for the synod.
- Should we continue to give to St. Paul's if we are looking at closing? Yes, we should continue to give. This will help keep us viable while we work through this process.

Executive Committee:

- Vote was 35, 20 19. We will have a second vote if the Synod declines our offer. Should we add our 4th option of 'call a pastor' as the third option for the vote?
 - ◇ Pastor Ben and Bob have been in communication about the vote, and preaching at St.

Paul's on February 11th. If Pastor Ben preaches about campus ministry on the 11th. He could talk about campus ministry or another topic we might ask him to preach on.

◇ We will be setting a time limit for the entire process for project completion.

* **Motion made by Curt to 'have a decision by the synod by the end of February 2018, if not a 'yes' by synod this would initiate a second vote', second by Cheryl, motion carried**

* **Motion made by Curt to have the process completed by January 1, 2019, second by Cheryl, motion carried.**

- Recommendation for the council to commit for one more year while we continue to work on this.

◇ **Motion made to keep council in place for a one-year term while actively trying to nominate others to fill open vacancies by Curt; second by Merley; motion carried and approved.**

Treasurer's Report - Curt

- Profit & Loss – net income –\$956.00;
YTD –\$4,588.13
- **Motion made by Merley to approve treasurer's report, second by John, motion carried**
- 2018 proposed Budget – education budget includes "Christ in our Home" and adjustment to administration Health and Pension due to reduction in staff insurance.
- **Move made by Ardu to approve 2018 budget, second by John, motion carried.**

Old Business:

none

New Business:

- Transfer of Kate Swett – motion made to approve transfer by Cheryl, second by Merley, motion carried.
- Annual meeting will be held January 28th. All annual reports must be submitted by January 4th.
- St. Paul's website – it appears there are some issues with different operating systems displaying inaccurate information on our website. If anyone experiences this, please let Sheila know.

Team Reports:

- **Building and Grounds – Bob**
 - ◇ Heating the Sanctuary during the week – Trane company came and updated the system to allow for us to turn off the heat.
 - ◇ Sink is leaking in men's room and Don is replacing it.
- **Congregational Care – Ardus**
 - ◇ **Thanksgiving Pie**
 - * Thank you to everyone for the pie social. It was successful
 - ◇ **Christmas decorating**
 - * Everything went well, it was done well and everything looks beautiful! Thank you to all!!
- **Endowment - Curt**
 - ◇ Report in November, nothing new
 - ◇ Thank you cards on the bulletin board, take the time to read them. We are making a difference.
 - ◇ Campus Ministry is \$30,000 short. We do have funds available in our endowment to support Campus Ministry. Motion made by Curt to give \$2500 of the Endowment Interest Fund to Common Ground Campus Ministry, second by Ardus, motion carried.
- **Stewardship/Outreach – John**
- At the **Washburn association cookie walk**, there was a huge thank you from them to St. Paul's for our support.

- ◇ **Washburn** is so appreciative to be able to meet here at St. Paul's.
- ◇ St. Paul's has really stepped up in giving to **Hamilton**.
- ◇ **Advent Mission project** – Wafer, Hamilton and Salvation Army collection continues to be a great success, Deliveries have been made and the items lighten up the faces of those at these organizations. This project continues through December 17th.
- ◇ **Sheep Project** – giving to synod for the world hunger event – 40 days of giving and feed my sheep project.
- **Worship/Music – Cheryl**
 - ◇ No report – John Cleveland and Ellen Klemp do this
- **Youth/Education – Curt**
 - ◇ No report
- **WELCA –**
 - ◇ As submitted


Closed with the Lord's Prayer – 7:11 pm

Next Meeting: January 9, 2018

Council Secretary

Julie Schroeder

Unapproved minutes, subject to change

 The logo features the words "ANNUAL MEETING" in a stylized font. "ANNUAL" is in a serif font, and "MEETING" is in a bold, sans-serif font. Above the text are three arches, resembling a window or a decorative element.	The Annual Meeting is set for January 28th @10 am in the Church. Plan on attending.
ALL Annual Reports are due in the office by Thursday, January 4th. Please email them to stpaulslax@centurytel.net	

TEAM REPORTS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

VISITATION – COMMUNION MINISTRY

(4) Communion Visits

(14) Telephone Calls

(3) Visits, No Communion

(13) Cards Sent

Communion Team Members:

Lorraine Bummert

Ardus Cleveland

Carol Dahl

Judy Brockman, Coordinator

HOSPITALITY

THANK YOU – Merley & Bob Rasmusson, Heritage Committee (Ardus Cleveland, Carrie & Ray Pearson) & Bev Scott for providing refreshments for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship for the month of November.

PIE SOCIAL – THANK YOU – to the following members for providing pies for our gathering after the Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 21: Merley Rasmusson, Bev Scott, Ruth Johnson, Sharon Larson, Jan Ostreng, Frances Heim, Lorraine Bummert & Joyce Wichelt – and to Sheila Mielke for whipping cream.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – THANK YOU – to the following members who decorated the church for Christmas: Sharon Larson, David McPhetridge, Bev Scott, Marcia Alens, Nancy Jones, Marcia & Clar Brodt, Ellen & Howard Klemp, Bob Rasmusson, Ardus & John Cleveland, John Heim, Don Olson & Sheila Mielke.

*NOTE – Decorations will be taken down on Wednesday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m. We will once again need your help.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

The goal for December was to make Advent Season a Gifting Season. Winter clothing items and food are being collected for Hamilton School, Salvation Army and WAFER. The Dec 3rd gifts were heart warming. With only three Sundays in Advent, Dec 17 will be the last Sun-

day to bring gifts. Please designate all cash gifts. John and John have made the first deliveries to Hamilton and Salvation Army. It was a humbling experience. Thank you for your generous love.

Washburn Neighborhood held their Dec 6 meeting at SPLC, 25 attended. In addition to learning about what is going on in the neighborhood and City, a beautiful variety of cookies were exchanged. St Paul's is fortunate to be surrounded by a committed group of hardworking neighbors. In the near future, look for new lights in the neighborhood.

Saturday, Dec 2nd, John and John represented SPLC at the Synod World Hunger workshop held at Journey Lutheran Church. The needs are great and the Synod's goal is to involve all congregations. SPLC has a long history of participation and support in this worldwide mission and outreach. We ask for Council support in planning for **40 DAYS OF GIVING** and the **FEED MY SHEEP PROJECT** in the new year, 2018. God's work. Our hands.

W-ELCA

On November 9th we met in St. Paul's Lounge for a shower of gifts for New Horizons. Our meeting opened with the reading of the W-ELCA Mission Statement. Ann Keuper led us in devotions and prayer. Her devotion was taken from a publication, "Two Kinds of Giving" by Alvin Rogness. Everyone joined in singing the hymn, "Praise and Thanksgiving."

Offerings were received followed by an offering meditation and prayer by Donna Saugstad, our President.

Donna Saugstad, President, opened our business meeting. The Secretary's Report was read by Carrie Pearson, Acting Secretary, and placed on file. Ann Keuper reported a balance in the treasury of \$1,481.55 as of October 31, 2017. Of this balance, \$742.15 is designated for SEW. MMSC to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

- A thank you note was received from Causeway
- Donna, our President, reported on the Fall Workshop. The program centered on the theme of Human Trafficking. Sheila from Sugar Creek also gave a presentation. The W-ELCA units were asked to roll bandages out of white sheets to be presented at the National W-ELCA Convention.

New Business

- No December W-ELCA meeting. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018
- MMSC that \$100.00 be given to Campus Ministry and \$200.00 to the Disaster Relief Fund from the balance remaining in the Sunshine and General Funds. Designations for any monies remaining in these funds after these payments are made will be decided at our January meeting

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Prayer. Coffee and dessert were served by the SEW group. Fellowship was enjoyed by all

Carrie Pearson, Acting Secretary



Mobile Meals provide nourishment for the mind, body and soul. Mobile Meals delivers love, compassion and hope to those in need. Delivering meals takes about one hour.

Call Joyce Wichelt, MM Coordinator to set up a time to volunteer! We hope to hear from you this month and in the coming months.

Remember serving MM is a 24/7 program!

Thank you to all who have served and given greatly of their time in December—Tienju & Ryan Titcomb, Kathie Vongroven, Dick Figgie, George & Judy Brockman, Clar & Marcia Brodt, Nancy Jones, Hong Xiu.



Mission of the Month

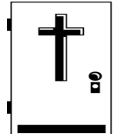
Helping Hands

For the first quarter of the new year we will be focusing on Helping Hands—fund within the congregation that assists individuals and families requesting help for necessities which are funded according to the monies available. The funds are distributed at the discretion of the Pastor. Donations may be designated for the Helping Hand Fund and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.



2018 Flower Chart is in the narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers for our service.

The Church Office



Will Be Closed:

Church and office will be closed Monday January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. Regular hours on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Offering Envelopes



Remember to pick up your offering envelopes from the narthex. Please throw all unused envelopes from 2017 away. All numbers have changed.