

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION
COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 21, 2018**

Present: Greta Blegvad, Anne Daly, Mark Finck, Kerrill Foster, Lindsay Freytag, Jean Hovland, Mandy John, John Jordan, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Don Miller, Jim Rengert and Pastor Betsy Williams

Absent: Matt Hummel

Mandy John, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pastor Betsy Williams offered devotions and prayer.

A motion was made by Kerrill Foster and seconded by Don Miller to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Council meeting. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Congregational Care—Members of the committee visited four homebound members/friends. Thinking of you cards were sent to fourteen members.

Education—The committee needs to be re-energized. Diane Ganz and Charlie Laidlaw-Smith are working on this.

Evangelism—A meeting is in the works.

Four Church Farm—Wednesday, May 23 is clean up day. The balance available in the Four Church Farm account is about \$12,000. Jim Rengert suggests that more people make use of the Farm. It is well groomed and a great place for meetings/parties. Reservations can be made on the Christ Lutheran Church website. Greta will see about putting a link on the St. Paul's website for reservations. It will also be mentioned in the Forward. The date of the annual Ox Roast is not available yet.

Mutual Ministry—no meeting

Property—Gerry Billy met with the committee about security. Diane Ganz is talking with other local churches about security issues in the area and their solutions. Pastor Betsy and those who work at the church do not feel safe. The security issues need to be addressed. Kerrill Foster made a motion that the Property Committee complete the re-keying of the Education building by July 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Anne Daly, and the motion was approved. A weeding day is needed for the areas around the church. More mulch is needed.

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Rental—All is well.

Small Group Ministry—Meetings have not been held lately, but it was decided to concentrate on the existing groups rather than form new ones.

Technology/Website—the LOMO day camp information is posted on our website.

WELCA—The quarterly meeting will be June 2 at 9:30 AM at St. Paul's.

Worship—Members have been asked to vote for their favorite hymn on a ballot with three selections. May 27 is Trinity Sunday and special music is planned.

Youth Ministry—No meetings have been held but preparations are almost complete for the Youth Gathering trip to Houston June 27 to July 1. A youth breakfast was held May 20.

A motion was made by Kerrill Foster and seconded by Don Miller to accept the committee reports. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kerrill Foster presented the April treasurer's report. A motion was made by Anne Daly, seconded by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith to accept the report. The motion was approved.

Pastor's Report

A funeral for Linda Shannon Anderson was held. A wedding for Mary Jane and Shane Willis was held. The baptism for Oliver Jordan was May 20. Clara Mae Cox will be baptized May 27. On June 3 Pastor Betsy needs help advertising the LOMO day camp. Volunteers are needed to canvas the neighborhood. It was suggested that postcards be handed out at the Newark Canal Street Market on Friday's before the camp dates. The Licking County Center for the Visually Impaired will be closed the week of the day camp. June 14 is the day the Council has been assigned to provide lunch for the day camp. Don Miller will order and distribute pizza that day. Jim Williams has agreed to be in charge of the kitchen for day camp. Pastor Betsy has a volunteer who has been helping weed the courtyard.

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Old Business

Mandy requests that Council members e-mail her Saturday dates that they are available in July for a retreat. The July council meeting may be canceled.

The sexton position was discussed. A committee with Greta, Anne and Jim have been working on a solution. Someone to be responsible for outside landscape maintenance is needed. More information will be available at the next meeting.

No date has been set for a visit from our Mecklenburg sister church in Germany.

Transportation of non-driving members to church was discussed. The Congregational Care Committee has been reviewing who needs rides and to which services. Drivers are needed. More information will be available at the next meeting.

Pastor Betsy reports that the men's AA group that has started meeting on Saturday mornings is very appreciative of being able to use our space.

September 18 is God's Work, Our Hands volunteer day. Mandy requests ideas for a project that would allow all skill and ability levels to participate. Last year the project was sprucing up Wilma Keller's home.

A lot of questions about the Listening Posts have arisen. Mandy will provide a Temple Talk at the May 27 church service. It will take three to four months for the data to be compiled by the Listening Post committee. Mandy will thank members who participated, and the good turnout is appreciated.

New Business

Council members' terms were reviewed. The second three year term of Lindsay Freytag and Don Miller expire at the end of 2018. The rotation of Council members will remain the same for now, but will be reviewed again next year.

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The St. Paul's handbook and the constitution need to be updated. Mandy will send out printed copies of each to Council members. Greta will begin the review process.

Everyone is reminded of the Sunday, June 3 musical concert at St. Paul's at 2:00 PM. Please invite friends and family.

A roundtable discussion opportunity was provided.

Pastor Betsy closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay Freytag
Council Secretary