

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 7, 2019**

Present: Alice Beamer, Greta Blegvad, Denise Crews, Anne Daly, Mark Finck, Kerrill Foster, Lindsay Freytag, Jean Hovland, Matt Hummel, Mandy John, John Jordan, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Joe McDaniel, Jim Rengert and Pastor Betsy Williams

Absent: Don Miller and Al Miller

Mandy John, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the November 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Anne Daly to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. The motion was approved.

Pastor Betsy distributed paper stars to Council members and asked that each member write things that they are good at on one side, and on the other side, things they are not as good at and bring them to the next Council meeting.

Council members' mailboxes in the office are being re-organized and members are encouraged to check their mailboxes.

There are two leadership/personal growth books that Pastor Betsy recommends:
How Your Church Family Works by Stenke and
Extraordinary Leadership by Gilbert.

Pastor Betsy recommends that a book group be formed to study the books.

Pastor Betsy reported that her family's Australian Shepherd dog is very ill.

Treasurer's Report

The November Treasurer's Report was presented by Kerrill Foster. She will make another financial presentation to the Congregation after the services on January 26 and 27 which will include the final budget report of 2018. A motion was made by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith and seconded by Matt Hummel to approve the November Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

The donation funds received for altar flowers is not sufficient to cover the costs. It was decided to raise the cost per vase to \$20 and Easter or Christmas flowers to \$10 each. Thank you notes to members who provide a large donation were discussed.

Denise Crews will review the storm water bill with Kerrill to determine if a credit/rebate would be available.

The folding machine has not been received yet.

A motion was made by Matt Hummel and seconded by Anne Daly to approve Kerrill Foster as the 2019 Financial Secretary. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

A slate of officers was selected. A motion was made by Denise Crews to approve the slate of officers by acclamation, seconded by Jean Hovland. The motion carried and the following officers were elected for 2019:

President	Mandy John
Vice President	Matt Hummel
Treasurer	Mark Finck
Assistant Treasurer	Joe McDaniel
Secretary	Alice Beamer

Kerrill is still waiting for committee information and notes from the President and Pastor to include in the Annual Report.

Pastor Betsy thanked Greta Blegvad for doing a wonderful job with the Advent Dinner on December 19. Everything was very organized.

Outgoing Council members were thanked for their service.

Transition Time/General Discussion of Goals for 2019

Council discussed goals for 2019 and how to proceed after the Listening Post Report. Each Council member is asked to forward to Mandy, three items from the Listening Post Report that should be focused on, and what we should spend the most energy on. Council was asked to do this at the last meeting, but only three members replied to Mandy. The Mission Statement was reviewed as well as the possibility of another visit from Pastor Abrams. The current Mission Statement is:

“The Mission of St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church is to the **SHARE**, at all times and with all people, the Good News of **GOD’S GRACE**, through **CHRIST JESUS**.”

Roundtable:

Kerrill Foster reported that the W2 taxes are filed and 1099’s are done.

Mandy John will discuss cleaning priorities with Amber.

Pastor Betsy reminds everyone that if there is information to be included in the bulletin or newsletter it must be sent to Jodie, the church secretary, exactly as it should be worded. The information is copied and pasted into the bulletin or newsletter. Matt Hummel asks that you also cc the information to him and Kathy Jordan. Pastor Betsy is looking for volunteers to be on the newsletter team.

Jodie Nickles will be collecting for the Humane Society so the donation area will remain in the lobby.

Mandy John reminded Council members that the Council meetings are always the last Monday of the month, which means some meetings fall on the fifth Monday of the

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month. Start time is 7:00 p.m.

Mandy also thanked the new Council members for their willingness to serve.

Kerrill Foster offered the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lindsay Freytag
Council Secretary

The next meeting will be January 28 at 7:00 p.m. in Danford Hall.