

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
November 26, 2018

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

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

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation: no one attended to voice a concern.

The minutes of the October 29 meeting were reviewed. Mandy John asked that the minutes under Old Business be corrected to reflect that seven people have volunteered to be on the Mecklenburg planning committee. Kerrill Foster made a motion and Don Miller seconded that the October minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Congregational Care: Debbie Anctil and Gail Grangaard visited with Lois Lovelady, Wanda Cooperider and Elsie Mills. Linda Smart visited with Ginny Baker and took her a vase of flowers. A sympathy card was sent to the Warnock family after the loss of John's mother. Jodie Nickles and Linda Smart visited with Cliff and Betty Neighbarger at Middleton. Jodie gave a vase of flowers to Jackie Casto.

Education: No report

Evangelism: Jerry Young continues posting St. Paul's activities on Facebook. Members are encouraged to "like" or forward them to other friends on Facebook. The sign that was placed on the bell tower will be put up again when the plastic pipe for it is repaired and the weather permits. Visitors have attended services lately.

Four Church Farm: Matt Clark has joined the committee. Officers for 2019 will be Dan Fischer President, Matt Clark Vice President, Pastor Rauch Treasurer and Mark Finck Secretary. The next meeting will be January 15 at Christ Lutheran Church in Heath.

Mutual Ministry: No report

Property Committee: Snow removal has been arranged. Thelma Trainor expressed concern about items left out after events. John Jordan will prepare a clean up check list to give to people in charge of events. Recycling is no longer accepted except pop cans. The bat problem is more under control now. The ProTeen Center has moved.

Rental Property: Jim Rengert reported that all renters have been notified of the transition to Jim Rengert as the contact person. All rents are paid for the month. Leases are being signed by the renters and all are complete except two. Jim has met all the renters except one. A Rental Property Committee has been formed and members include Jim Rengert, Dick Daly, Dan Fischer, Kerrill Foster and Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. The committee is working on a budget for long term improvements. A handyman has been contacted for future repairs and upkeep.

Technology Website: No report

WELCA: The Christmas meeting will be December 1 at 11:15 at the Olive Garden. The mitten tree which benefits the Salvation Army has been set up in the corridor. The Nancy circle prepared seven boxes of Thanksgiving dinners for those in need. Thank you to Linda Smart for requesting Thrivent dollars for this project.

Worship: The committee continues to plan the Advent services and Christmas. There will be a 3:00 pm Christmas eve service as well as the later service. Council members thanked John Jordan for making the wonderful Coventry cross over the altar and the necklaces.

Youth Ministry: The youth continue to sell 2019 wall calendars and there will be a December youth breakfast.

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

Treasurer's Report

Earlier this month Kerrill presented the status of the church finances to the members of St. Paul's with a PowerPoint and question and answer period. Even though attendance numbers are down since 2008, the income has remained the same. Kerrill presented the October budget report. A \$10,000 donation from Richard Wagenheim was received. Nine thousand dollars will go into the general fund and \$1000 is donated to the handbell choir. Kerrill noted that with the help of this donation and a transfer of funds from the rental properties account, the budget should be balanced for 2018.

A motion was made by Matt Hummel and seconded by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Holy Trinity will host the Advent dinners for those in shelters on December 5 and 12. St. Paul's will host the third dinner on December 19. Deb Dingus is collecting items that will be given as gifts on December 19. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinners. Pastor Betsy will contact Pastor June from the Listening Post advisors for a template letter as a guideline to send to people on the membership roll at St. Paul's, to check on them and their status and to invite them to return. The goal is to send the letter at Easter.

Old Business

Greta is nearly finished updating the handbook and amendments to the church constitution.

Members who will run for a church council term to begin in January 2019 are Al Miller, Joe McDaniel, Joey Stamper, Mandy John, Sheriena Fuller, Denise Crews and Alice Beamer. Three women and two men are needed. Biographical information will be published in the Forward and bulletin. Mandy will prepare the ballot including the 2019

budget request for approval. The vote will be December 8/9. The Council members will be installed January 5/6.

The Mechlenburg 2020 planning committee volunteers are Jerry and Mandy Young, Fred and Lindsay Freytag, Juli Rauch, John Grangaard, Tim Jordan and Anne Daly.

New Business

A letter from Katie Stanley was received. In the past she received a Partners in Education grant from St. Paul's (using Thrivent dollars) which was matched by Capital University. A motion was made by Matt Hummel and seconded by Jean Hovland to provide a \$100 Partners in Education grant to Capital University for Katie, and Kerrill is to draft a policy for future college tuition grant requests. The motion carried.

The annual report to the members of St. Paul's must be distributed January 15. The 2018 committee report summaries should be in the office no later than January 7. The annual report will be voted on at services January 26/27.

Roundtable

Matt Hummel inquired about updating the blue bulletin board in the lobby. An update is coming soon.

Items being collected for various causes were discussed. It will be determined if someone is still collecting for the Humane Society or the Food Pantry.

St. Paul's will not need to light luminaries for the Sights and Sounds tour since the fire department has determined it is not safe.

The cleaning service was reviewed. Mandy and Anne will consult with Amber about cleaning priorities.

Jim Rengert would like to consult with someone familiar with medical insurance plans.

Kerrill Foster was asked to prepare the Christ Mass bulletin.

Jean Hovland received a complaint about how the altar flowers look.

A special Council meeting will be held January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm and Council will look at the Listening Post report. Mandy asked that Council members select which three items need to be addressed first. Council members should report their selections to Mandy via e-mail. New Council members' terms start at this meeting.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 9:04 pm.

The December Council meeting is canceled.

The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Lindsay Freytag
Council Secretary