

## **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation Council Minutes**

**February 26, 2017**

**Present:** Mandy John, Jim Rengert, Jean Hovland (guest), Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, John Jordan, Don Miller, Greta Blegvad, Anne Daly, Kerrill Foster. **Excused** - Pastor Betsy, Lindsay Freytag.

**Absent** – Mark Finck

Mandy called the meeting to order, and read a devotion from The Word In Season based on Psalm 105:1-11,37-45.

**Secretary's Reports.** Both sets of minutes from the regular meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and special meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> were approved as written. Don Miller motioned, Greta Blegvad seconded.

### **Committee Reports (for committees not listed, there were no reports)**

- Congregation Care – continues to be busy serving the needs of our housebound parishioners.
- Four Church Farm – is getting ready for the Easter Sunrise Service. There will be a work day coming up.
- Mutual Ministry – Met and is in discussion regarding its function.
- Property – Installed LED's in sanctuary, it provides better lighting, but the brightness will take some getting used to. Faucet replaced in sacristy. Goal Academy using 2 rooms, rent increased to \$500 through May. Discussed security went to visit Christ Lutheran – property is talking to Mosholder's about a quote on new locks and keys – a bit more high tech than what we have, will reach out to Gerry Billy for his suggestions.
- Rental – All properties rented, new furnace at 349 Hudson
- WELCA – Meeting March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Danford, Rummage Sale April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to accept reports as given by Jim Rengert, seconded by Anne Daly, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Income down the first month as usual. No odd income or expenses. Charlie moved the reports be accepted, Don seconded, motion passed.

### **Old Business**

- Council Member Election on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – We need to fill one vacant council seat with a woman council member. Just prior to the meeting, Denise Crews expressed interest in running, and possibly Alice Beamer. There was some discussion regarding the most equitable course of action. A motion was made that a ballot for the election will list Denise Crews, Jean Hovland, and Alice Beamer – if she is interested, and a blank and will call from nominations from the congregation to be written in. Kerrill made the motion, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

- Synod Council Retreat – Bob Abrams reached out to Mandy and Pastor and suggested 2 dates for the council retreat. The council elected to choose **Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-Noon. All Council must attend.**
- Response to Denise Crews – was never made. Mandy will be reaching out to her.
- Mecklenburg 2019 – We need to invite them and see if they will come. Tabled this until Lindsay is here, but Mandy asked us to find our notes from their last visit.

## **New Business**

- Ron Mai – has turned in his resignation from Council to Mandy. Matt Hummel has indicated he is willing to serve the remainder of Ron's term which expires December of 2018. Kerrill moved, John Jordan seconded that we appoint Matt Hummel to serve the remainder of Ron's term. Motion passed. Don Miller volunteered to serve as Assistant Treasurer.
- More Synod – June Wilkins will be the facilitator of the Listening Groups. **She will be meeting with Council on March 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.**
- More Council – **Council will meet a week early on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. so as not to conflict with Holy Week. Also from now on we will meet on the LAST Monday of the month at 7p.m.** Mandy will be communicating with council via group text.
- Transportation for Non-drivers – Please bring ideas to next council meeting on how we can match folks who need rides to church with people willing to bring them.
- Cleaning the Upstairs Classrooms – has started. Crystal has removed the things she wanted that were hers, and will be contacted to make sure she has everything. Everything will be removed by the end of March. Thanks to Jean Hovland, Thelma Trainor & Diane Ganz.
- An anonymous member has donated their Thrivent Choice Dollars to cover the \$750 cost of the Listening Groups.
- LOMO Vacation Bible School – paperwork has arrived, we will discuss at next council meeting.

Roundtable – ELCA Annual Report in the works, A few questions regarding LOMO VBS

Mandy closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerrill Foster Substitute Secretary.