

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION
COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 19, 2018**

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

Absent: Charlie Laidlaw-Smith

Mandy John, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor Betsy Williams offered a prayer.

A motion was made by Don Miller and seconded by John Jordan to approve the minutes of the February 26 regular meeting as written, as well as the minutes of the March 8 special meeting. The motion was approved.

Committee Reports

Congregational Care—no report

Education—no report

Evangelism—no report

Four Church Farm—Jim Rengert reported that there will be a meeting Tuesday, March 20 and a clean up day Thursday, March 22.

Mutual Ministry—Pastor Betsy reported that the committee will meet April 5.

Property Committee—a written report was reviewed. The dumpster will be moved to the back of the church on Tuesday, March 20. Gerry Billy has been contacted to provide recommendations for building security at St. Paul's and will meet with the Property Committee at their next meeting. There are two electronic organs in the Weisgerber Lounge. The space could be better utilized, and the donors will be contacted about donating or selling them. The downspouts on the south side of the education building have been cleaned. In the spring there are areas where grass seed will be re-planted.

Rental Property—Kerrill reported that all properties are rented and rents are up to date.

Small Group Ministry—Willis will be contacted about this committee.

Technology/Website—Jerry Young has been posting weekly videos on Facebook of St. Paul activities. He has prepared a flyer that lists upcoming activities. It was suggested that this list be added to the St. Paul's website and also placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

WELCA—Diane Ganz gave a very nice reminder at the last Sunday service about how to help WELCA. Cookies are needed for the April 22 reception for the confirmands. The confirmands are Ryleigh Jones, Ella Young and Carys Williams. A rummage sale will be held Friday, April 27 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Saturday April 28 from 9:00 AM to 12 PM. Donations will be accepted after Easter.

Worship—Matt Hummel will begin providing minutes from the Worship Committee.

Youth Ministry—Candy donations were much appreciated and all the eggs have been filled. There will be an Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. The extra candy will be taken to homebound members. The next youth breakfast will be April 8. The trip to Houston is June 27 to July 1. Hotel assignments have been made and t-shirts are being ordered. A supply pastor will be needed July 1.

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

Treasurer's Report

Kerrill Foster reviewed the Treasurer's Report with Council. Jim Rengert asked if there could be a report comparing costs such as utilities over the last several years. A motion was made by Jim Rengert and seconded by Anne Daly to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Betsy reported that Lindsay Jordan plans to become a member of St. Paul's and son Oliver will be baptized. Fred and Lindsay Freytag's granddaughter, Clara Mae Cox, will be baptized May 27. Council members are now part of a group text set up by Mandy John for meeting reminders and to briefly discuss important matters. A men's Alcoholics Anonymous group has

asked to use Danford Hall on Saturday mornings. Set up would begin at 9:30 AM and the meetings would be from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. There would be about 40 men attending. They would like to start meeting May 5. Council members decided to review our policy about outside groups using St. Paul's space and discuss again at the April meeting. Steve Wiersma has asked to use Danford Hall for three days in January 2019 to train volunteers with VITA to prepare taxes for those with low income. A motion to approve this use of space was made by Kerrill Foster and seconded by Anne Daly. The motion was approved. Pastor Betsy received phone calls from First Methodist and St. Francis churches with concerns about security at their buildings. There will be a meeting of personnel from St Paul's and those two churches to discuss safety issues. St. Paul's Property Committee will be included. The meeting will be either April 3 or 5. Two people associated with the church have recently passed away—Harriet Cairn and Marie Holmes. Marie was the sister of Elsie Mills. Their families will be invited to the All Saints service in October.

Old Business

Council was asked to keep April 28 open on their calendars for a possible retreat with Pastor Bob Abrams as facilitator.

Members of our sister church at St. Bartholomew's in Mechlenburg, Germany, have been invited to visit St. Paul's members in either 2019 or 2020. A letter was sent to them at Christmastime. No answer has been received yet.

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO) has agreed to provide a bible school program the week of June 10. Children from kindergarten to sixth grade are invited. Volunteers are needed, especially a member of St. Paul's to be the on-site coordinator. More information will be available in April.

Transportation to church for members who don't drive was discussed. Two people in the Goosepond area would like rides. Mandy John will investigate further.

The Southern Ohio Synod Assembly will be June 1 and 2 in Lewis Center, Ohio. One male and one female from our congregation along with Pastor Betsy are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$300 per person.

New Business

The letter to the congregation detailing the Listening Post procedure is in the works and will be reviewed by Pastor June.

It may be necessary to extend the term of some members of council in order to more evenly distribute when council members' terms end—so that several members' terms don't end at the same time. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Round Table

Kerrill Foster needs a letter to provide to our banking institutions that confirms who is St Paul's Treasurer and who is the Assistant Treasurer since the change last month. A resolution was made by John Jordan to remove the signature of Ron Mai from our Park National Bank, PNC Bank, Edward Jones, and Heartland Bank accounts. It was further resolved to add the newly elected Treasurer, Mark Finck and Assistant Treasurer, Don Miller to the signature cards at Park National Bank, PNC Bank, Edward Jones and Heartland Bank accounts. The Financial Secretary, Kerrill Foster, is approved to be added to the signature cards only for the benefit of receiving financial information on any and all of the above accounts. The resolution was seconded by Jean Hovland and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM with a prayer provided by Pastor Betsy.

The next meeting will be April 30 (the last Monday of the month) at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay Freytag