

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
October 29, 2018**

**Present:** 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:** Greta Blegvad and Matt Hummel

Mandy John, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor Betsy Williams offered devotions and prayer from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation: no one attended to voice a concern.  
Mandy asked that Council members keep in mind the suggestions that were brought forward by Thelma Trainor at the September meeting. They will be discussed further at the November Council retreat.

The minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Pastor Betsy stated that the Pastor's Report should have stated that David and Linda Katai have expressed interest in participating at St. Paul's. A motion was made by Kerrill Foster and seconded by Jim Rengert to approve the September minutes with the above correction. The motion was approved.

**Committee Reports**

Congregational Care: Linda Smart visited with Elsie and Wilbur Mills. Linda visited Richard Wagenheim at SharonBrooke and gave him the "Word in Season". Jodie Nickles and Linda Smart visited with Lois Lovelady and took her a vase of flowers. Mark Finck visited with Fred Citrone and Ginny Baker at Goosepond.

Education: No report

Evangelism: No report

Four Church Farm: The pork roast at the farm was enjoyed by those who attended. The farm has now been closed for the winter.

Mutual Ministry: will meet after the retreat with Pastor Bob Abrams

Property: Committee members will proceed with hiring a painter for the sanctuary after the source of the leak is determined. Russ is continuing to close off possible bat entry points. Jean reported that Russ has replaced the garbage disposal in the kitchen and added a light in the chancel. Pastor Betsy reported that there is a humidity/mold problem in the offices.

Rental: All rents are up to date. An insufficient funds check was received but was made good.

Technology/Website: No report

WELCA: November 14 at 10:30 AM will be the Thankoffering service. November 17 at 9:00 AM the Nancy circle will put together Thanksgiving boxes. December 1 at 11:30 AM at the Olive Garden will be the final WELCA meeting of the year.

Worship: The "Looking Forward in Worship" announcements will continue. The Christmas pageant will be December 16. The fourth Sunday in December will be the Health and Healing service.

Youth Ministry: The youth are meeting twice a month. John Jordan mentioned that combining the Youth Choir with the Covenant Choir has been a good experience.

A motion was made by Kerrill Foster and seconded by Anne Daly to approve the committee reports. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kerrill Foster reviewed the September financial report with Council. Kerrill reported that Synod has asked that St. Paul's increase the benevolence donation by \$50 in 2019. Kerrill will notify the Synod that this is acceptable. A motion was made by Jim Rengert and seconded by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried. Kerrill reviewed the Proposed 2019 Budget Summary. The budget committee was composed of Kerrill Foster, Marty Altmaier, Fred Freytag and Diane Ganz. A motion was made by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith and seconded by Anne Daly to accept the Proposed 2019 Budget Summary. The motion was approved. Kerrill will give the annual State of the Church report in the sanctuary after the November 18 service. Questions about the proposed budget should be forwarded to Kerrill before the November 18 presentation.

**Pastor's Report:** Hannah Mae Watkins was baptized at the Reformation service. A wedding for Linda Kinser's son is to be held in the chapel. Juli Rauch and Jordan Fantini are to be married at a small service at the Granville Inn. Pastor Betsy plans to write a Christmas letter to inactive members. She will send a draft to Council members and asks for feedback. Pastor Betsy stated that items for the Forward are needed in a timely manner. If something that is published is not correct, call the office and let Jodie know. A committee has been formed to update the Forward format. Pastor Betsy has contacted Holy Trinity about the Advent dinners for those who are in shelters. Holy Trinity suggests having the dinners December 5, 12 and 19. Planning meetings have been set up. More details will be available soon. Pastor Betsy now has a working cell phone.

### **Old Business**

The Council Retreat with Pastor Bob Abrams will be Saturday November 10 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Greta Blegvad is working on the handbook update and amendments to the church constitution.

The paper folding machine purchase approved at the last meeting was more expensive than anticipated. John Jordan made a motion, seconded by Charlie Laidlaw-Smith to purchase a folding machine not to exceed \$800. The motion was approved.

Kerrill Foster will not be running for Council in 2019. Two women and two men are needed to serve on Council. Mandy John and John Jordan will talk to members who may be interested. Jean Hovland will obtain biographical information for those who decide to run. Denise Crews and Alice Beamer have agreed to run.

Mechlenburg visitors 2020: A sign up sheet for volunteers to help plan and manage the visit was available in the hallway after last Sunday's service. Seven people have volunteered to be on the planning committee.

Employee raises are being considered.

### **New Business**

An e-mail complaint from Marc Anctil who manages the church's rental properties was reviewed. Mandy John asked for input from Council. The consensus of the Council was that Marc Anctil should step down as manager of the rental properties. Jim Rengert volunteered to chair a committee to manage the properties as was done in the past.

### **Roundtable**

Jim Rengert noted that there were not enough bulletins printed for the Reformation Sunday service. More bulletins should be printed when there are special occasions. It was noted that hard copies of the Forward can be mailed when requested. Contact Jodie and have your name included on the list to receive the Forward by mail.

Pastor Betsy noted that there have been six visitors to services recently.

The meeting closed with the Doxology.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Lindsay Freytag  
Council Secretary