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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2020 (via Zoom)**

Present: Pastor Paul, Belinda Josephson, Cedric Wentzell, Ann Joudrey, Karen Field, Wilfred Feener, Sarah vanderWal, Andre Brideau, Marshall Robar, Helen Sarty and Judy Garber
Abent: David Zwicker

1. Call to Order by Belinda at 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer by Karen

2. Approval of June Agenda – Motion to approve by Cedric; seconded by Ann

3. Approval of May 21st Minutes: Motion to approve by Karen; seconded by Wilf

4. Financial Report: Income: Andre reported that May envelope offerings were down from 2019 by \$1,600. There was no Pizza Delight supper (\$700 loss from last year) and rentals were down \$1,000 from last year. We were able to apply for the May Wage Subsidy. Application has been submitted. Current year surplus as of May 31 was about \$6,000 (because of Wage Subsidy).

Balance Sheet: At the present, there is \$4,155 in Property Fund. A donation of \$1,500 was given to replace office flooring (recommendation made to use vinyl plank flooring because of unlevel floors). David Eichel will be approached to install. The quote for this project will be emailed to Council members for voting to proceed with this project.

Thank You card will be given to donor of \$1,500

Action: Sheena/Paul

\$1,000 allotted by Council previously for shed. Sound system repair allocated \$500 from Fund. This leaves about \$2,200 to be used to cover painting of windows (\$2,200). Peter Oickle to start painting in mid July.

Andre made motion to use Property Fund of \$2,200 for painting; seconded by Helen

Passed

Andre reported that he assisted St.John's, Mahone Bay, with accounting procedures.

Andre moved adoption of his Financial Report; seconded by Wilfred

Andre will look into Canada Emergency Business Account - guidelines for \$40,000 loan - keep 25% = \$10,000 and pay back \$30,000 in January 2021.

Technology Update:

Marshall reported on Video Recorder/Camera (Accessories and M.Kit) for Church Programs = \$466 It will record Services/Stream Services within our building. Funds were allotted in budget = \$1500 for such equipment.

Marshall made motion to purchase this camera; seconded by Karen

Passed

Sheena and Marshall will order as soon as possible.

5. Pastor's Report: Paul is continuing to contact senior members of our congregation as well as Nursing Homes. He has also suggested to 'Open the Church Doors', as soon as wipes/sanitizers are available.

6. Old Business:

Human Resources and Custodian Agreement: Tabled

a. Accessibility Project: Cedric to update Council members via email as soon as he has info from Halifax.

b. COVID 19 Update: The officers of the Eastern Synod have appointed a **Task Force on the Resumption of In-Person Worship**. Karen reported on a Press Release issued by the NS Government today. A list of what needs to be put in place was reviewed, and Karen plus other Council members (Marshall, Sheena, Paul, Peter) will form a Team to follow-up July 1-Aug 1.

Groups of 10 can meet without social-distancing. Emails will be circulated to Council as the updates come through. Karen will contact Tammy (Comm.Cafe) re startup of Wed meals under certain restrictions.

Motion made by Wilfred that our 'regular groups' can return to meet following the necessary guidelines (issued by Synod) and each group will receive in writing the rules to follow (attach Rental Agreements): Seconded by Helen Passed

Purchase of Wipes/Sanitizers for Church premises

Action: Andre/Sheena

7. Correspondence: (letter from Synod attached)

8. Ministry "Team" Reports:

a. Property(Council rep, Cedric): No report from Halifax

Parsonage Fund - \$2,800 available and should be used by end of 2020.

Sarah made a motion to transfer Parsonage Fund to Property Fund; seconded by Ann

Passed

Andre reported that there are 4 Youth Funds presently being used - Question? Could they be combined? Discussion

Youth Funds to remain as is.

b. Worship/Praise(Council rep, Karen) – Service from Mush-a-Mush (Marshall) may be possible in July.

c. Stewardship(Council rep, Ann) - Donations form drafted and request that such be completed each time (Sheena has the forms). Yard shed is work in progress.

Andre/Sheena to order 2021 envelopes so that they can be distributed in the fall (in case of second wave of COVID 19).

d. Fellowship(Council rep, Helen) - Nothing to report

e. Learning (Council rep, Wilf) - Technology info passed on to other Team members.

9. New Business:

a. Technology Update - (under Financial Report)

b. Uniting Sunday Services - May be the result of COVID 19

c. Congregational List - Work in progress (35 mailings to Members at present).

10. Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul

Next Meeting - if needed - Thu July 16, 6:30

Adjournment at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: