

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – Dec 11, 2022 @ 11:15

Present: Karen Field, Andre Brideau, Marshall Robar, Helen Sarty, Ann Joudrey, Peter Oickle, Rev Paul, David Zwicker, Tammy Crouse

Absent: Judy Garber, Betsy Knickle, and Sarah vanderWal

1. Call to Order by Karen

Opening Prayer by Tammy
January 2023 -Helen

2. Approval of Nov Agenda: Approved by Consensus

3. Approval of Oct Minutes: Motion to Approve by Helen, seconded by Peter

4. Financial Report: November General Fund Deficit = \$1,051
2022 General Fund deficit (Jan 1-Nov 30) = \$31,962
Accumulated general fund surplus (2020-2022) = \$27,432

Income Statement: Offerings up \$37 from November 2021, as well as room rentals \$96 from Nov 2021; \$500 received toward heat pumps; \$400 savings from Sheena's absence in Nov; \$789 for elevator inspection/registration; \$760 for power bill (Sept & Oct usage); \$370 raised for Christmas Shoeboxes

Andre moved adoption of his Financial reports sent via email, seconded by David
Motion Passed

5. Pastor's Report: Rev. Paul's report was accepted as sent via email
The Bishop Retreat has been paid in full.

Vacation request made for Dec 25 to Jan 5/23 - approved in November
Decision to tape Dec 24th, 4 pm Service, for CKBW

6. Old Business:

a. COVID 19 Update: Keep vigilant as Covid still very much present in the Bridgewater area.
Masks are not compulsory but left to the discretion of Congregational members.

b. Ukrainian Aid: Delivery date discussed. Remaining funds = \$720.59

c. Membership List: Work in progress

d. Nativity Scene: All 'out of stock'

e. Cards with Christmas Gift were given to Staff members from Council & Congregation.

7. Correspondence:

8. Ministry Teams Reports:

- a. Property Team:** 2 Heat pumps are not working in the Church - to be investigated
- b. Worship Team:** Epiphany Service to be January 6th
- c. Stewardship:** Team recommended that Andre be paid for his services during Sheena's absence. A Treasurer/Bookkeeper is needed.
- d. Fellowship:** No meeting held
- e. Learning:** No meeting held
- f. Technology:** Good
- g. Energy:** Peter is investigating a Provincial Grant to purchase a Generator. Grant covers the initial cost, and installation of the generator. A great Outreach Program for St. Paul's. NOTE: Check on our Insurance Coverage.
- h. Music:** No report
- i. HR:** No report
- j. Anniversary:** Plans are in progress. Agenda item for January 2023.

9. New Business:

- a. Pastoral Succession:** Motion made by Peter, seconded by Andre, that a regular, fulltime, Pastor be considered for a 5-year period, strongly felt by our Congregation
- b. Tiny Homes (Houses for Homeless):** Discussion - The issue of insurance would be a factor as well as the liability - too great for us to consider.
- c. 2023 Budget:** To be presented at AGM, date of February 26th (or March 5th), 2023.

10. Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul

2023 meeting: Sunday January 15 at 11:15

Respectfully submitted by Ann Joudrey/Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: