

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2022 via Zoom @ 11:15**

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

**1. Call to Order** by Belinda

**Opening Prayer** by Wilfred

**2. Approval of February Agenda:** Motion to approve by Cedric, seconded by Ann

**3. Approval of January Minutes:** Motion to approve by Ann; seconded by Karen

**4. Financial Report: January** general fund deficit = \$2,584

Overall general fund surplus decreased to +\$56,810

Income Statement Notes:

General fund offerings were down \$3,039 compared to January 2021

Expenses: \$248 for Repairs and Maintenance of heating valves and \$187 for office supplies, as well as \$753 for new camera equipment (\$500 was offset by member donation).

It is hoped that once Church reopens, offerings will come back up with in person attendance.

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

- a) ELFEC Investments:** Andre reported there are other significant investment opportunities to have to get back better returns, 8-10%. ELFEC (ELCIC's Investment managing foundation) has 2 types of accounts, income/security and growth. Our present \$100,000 Parsonage GIC gives us little return. This GIC becomes due for renewal in September 2022. Discussion

Sarah made a motion to form an ADHOC Cttee to investigate alternative options, including those without a fixed interest return; Andre seconded motion

Motion Passed

Andre will draft a proposal to represent at our AGM as to what fund Council might pursue (a non-fixed interest/low risk investment).

- b) Urquhart Estate:** Final distribution to St.Paul's will be approx. \$20,000 (6 mos' time). Upon discussion at the recent Energy Team meeting, it was felt we could utilize these funds towards our window/door replacement. This proposal will also be brought forward at our AGM for Congregation's approval to proceed (Peter to present).

Andre made motion to place final distribution of \$20,000 from Urquhart Estate towards replacement of windows/doors at St.Paul's; seconded by David

Motion Passed

**5. Pastor's Report:** Rev. Paul's report was accepted as sent via email.

**6. Old Business:**

**a. COVID 19 Update:**

Services can reopen as of February 14th (in person as of Feb 20th for us). Masks will be required as well as social distancing but there is no need for ushers. Ann and Darlene will be greeters and continue contact tracing.

Singers can be present in small groups (4-5) but need to use masks.

**b. Heat Pump Project:** The electrical work will start Feb 14th. Marshall will keep Council members updated via email.

**7. Correspondence:**

Note was received from the Learning Team and they agreed to send a card and gift certificate to our university students. They will collect names and gift cards will come from the Youth Fund. It is unknown at this time as to how many students or the amount of the gift cards to be sent.

Ann made a motion to endorse the Learning Team's proposal and give them flexibility as to the amount and number of gift cards to send; seconded by David

Motion Passed

**8. Ministry "Team" Reports:**

**a. Property Team:**

**b. Worship Team:**

**c. Stewardship:** Sarah reported that a Master List was done. Suggestion made to form a team to review active vs inactive membership. Also, there is an 'official' membership binder which needs to be compared with Sarah's Master List. This Team will pursue forming a process to develop a more accurate membership list for St. Paul's.

**d. Fellowship:**

**e. Learning:** Sunday School will start on Sunday, March 20th.

Vacation Bible School is planned for August 9-12, 2022

**f. Technology:**

**Nominating Cttee:** Betsy Jensen will put her name forward at AGM for Council.

**Church Insurance** needs to be investigated before May 2022. Andre and Ann will proceed.

**AGM- In Person or via Zoom:** Those who wish to participate in this meeting will need to have an AGM package at home in order to vote. Marshall will monitor the Chat Box on Zoom for this meeting.

**9. New Business:**

**a. Altar Guild:** (Ann Joudrey will be the new leader in 2022.)

Later reported that BettyLou Smith will be the new leader.

**b. Donation** of large wooden Nativity Scene by Karen (Max) Corkum.

Ann made a motion to accept Nativity Scene via signed agreement; seconded by Helen  
Motion Passed

**c. Andre's pic of St.Paul's** was made into (50) printed cards that membership can purchase  
(cost of cards .90)

Belinda expressed a big 'Thank You' to Marshall who spent much time resolving the oil delivery issue which occurred last weekend. Marshall will be the contact person for Irving Oil.

Helen gave special 'Thanks' to Belinda for her many hours spent to keep our Council updated on Council issues, above and beyond, these past several years as Church Council Chair.

**10. Closing Prayer by Rev Paul**

Next meeting: AGM Sunday, February 20th, at 11:15 am  
March Council meeting - 13th @ 11:15

Respectfully submitted Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: