

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2022 @ 11:15

Present: Ann Joudrey, Karen Field, Andre Brideau, Marshall Robar, Helen Sarty, David Zwicker, Rev Paul, Judy Garber, Tammy Crouse, Betsy Jensen, and Peter Oickle
Absent: Sarah vanderWal

1. Call to Order by Karen

Opening Prayer by Marshall

2. Approval of May Agenda: Approved by Betsy; seconded by Peter

3. Approval of April Minutes: Approved by Helen; seconded by Ann

4. Financial Report: April general fund deficit = \$22,944
2022 general fund deficit (Jan 1 to Apr 30) = \$24,855
Accumulated general fund surplus (2020-22) = \$34,539

General fund offerings were up from \$2,138 from April 2021
Room rentals up \$1,369 from April 2021
\$800 given to CLWR for Ukraine Aid
Organ tuning of \$683 (money taken from Organ Fund)

Large deficit due to: three pay month; property insurance; heat pumps cost taken from general funds.

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

5. Pastor's Report: Rev. Paul's report was accepted as sent via email.
Bishop's Retreat at White Point April 24-27/22 went well.

6. Old Business:

a. COVID 19 Update:

Masks are not compulsory but left to the discretion of Congregation as whether to wear them or not. Covid numbers are declining but the death toll is still plenty high.

b. Ukrainian Aid: Second in single largest gift in Eastern Synod- many thanks to Tammy.
Article to be placed in the next Pulse.

c. Membership List: Tabled

d. Mission Grant: Application sent and Paul waiting to hear back.

7. Correspondence: Servant's Heart (Danica's Dream):

Council approved this project and our Congregation has been notified (Month of May).

8. Ministry “Team” Reports:

a. Property Team: Good

b. Worship Team: Sarah sent her report via email (attached). Upcoming Dates to remember:

- a) Last day of Sunday School will be May 29
- b) Senior Recognition/Celebration Service will be postponed this year.
- c) VBS - Scheduled for August 9-12
- d) Camp Mush Sunday booked for August 14 with picnic lunch
- e) Worship Retreat Day is planned for Sat Sept 17.
- f) A 170th Anniversary Service will be planned - Peter, Andre, Brian and Judy Wile to meet.
- g) New Member Sunday moved to Sept 18

c. Stewardship: Lucille & Olive are working on the membership list.

d. Fellowship: None

e. Learning: Workshop with Dr. David Csinos on Sat May 7th received well. It is important for St. Paul's to support Child/Youth Services.

f. Technology: No issues.

g. Energy: Andre appealed the invoice and costs were lowered. Humidity levels should be @ 35% due to organs/pianos. Len's P&H still needs to come and remove the hot water tank so that a wall can be built.

h. Music: The concert by E. Solomon on May 1 was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Choir practice will be after Sunday Services except for 2nd Sunday.

i. HR: Team to lead the interviews for Summer Students. Peter will be our liaison for Succession Planning updates.

9. New Business:

a. Pastoral Succession: Brian attended our Council meeting and briefed the Council on how to proceed with Paul's retirement plans (October 2024). Brian proposed having an ADHOC Team - volunteers are Peter, Andre, Gail StClair along with himself and Rev Paul. Discussion Question raised: Will St Paul's want someone FT, PT, Shared position, or Lay leaders? A survey will be developed to give to our Congregation.

Brian will update/meet with our Congregation in January 2023. Council will review the survey results before such a meeting. Council to receive feedback from this Team through Peter.

b. Summer Students: Meeting to be held on May 9th. Ads will be developed to advertise for these positions.

Peter made the motion to move forward with applying for 2 summer students (Provincial & Federal); seconded by Helen Motion Passed

c. Paul's Vacation Coverage: Coverage for Rev Paul will be needed for June 26, July 3 & 10.

Tammy made motion to accept his vacation request; seconded by Ann Motion Passed

Peter will do Service on June 26 and July 3rd.

Youth Services will plan to do Service on July 10th.

d. Council Retreat: Thur Aug 18th at Paul's - pot luck, 5 pm

Julie Ramey's attendance at the National Assembly Conference will be via Zoom this year.

Peter adjourned the Council meeting.

10. Closing Prayer by Rev Paul

Next meeting: Sunday, June 12 @ 11:15

Respectfully submitted Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: