

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2023, 11:15 am**

**Present:** Karen Field, Marshall Robar, Ann Joudrey, Peter Oickle, Rev Paul, David Zwicker, Sandra Schnare, Karen Corkum, Judy Garber, and Sarah vanderWal

**Absent:** Tammy and Betsy

Rev Paul initiated nominations for Council positions

Chair: Karen Field

Vice Chair: Peter

Secty: Judy Garber

Treasurer: Ann on temp basis

Discussion whether we should hire a bookkeeper or see if someone from our Congregation might volunteer to help with this position.

Ministry Team Reps: All 2022 members kept their positions for another year.

**1. Call to Order** by Karen

Opening Prayer by Ann

April 2023 - David

**2. Approval of March Agenda:** Addition - Easter Breakfast          Approved by Consensus

**3. Approval of Feb Minutes:** Motion to adopt Feb minutes by Peter, seconded by David

**4. Financial Report:** February General Fund deficit = \$2,059

2023 General Fund deficit (Jan 1 - Feb 28) = \$1,621

Accumulated general fund surplus remaining: + 35,403

**Income Statement:** General Fund offerings up \$2,727 from February 2022

Pancake supper profit = \$390

Room rentals up \$791 from February 2022

Repairs and maintenance = \$138 + \$105

Snow removal = \$376

\$1,490 for oil (partially turned on due to cold temps)

Power bill = \$2,740 (Jan and Feb usage)

Ann moved adoption of Andre's February Financial report sent via email, seconded by Peter  
Motion Passed

**5. Pastor's Report:** Rev. Paul's report to be sent

Rev Paul's vacation - April 11-25 (2 weeks)

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Office Admin Position:** Gail Tracey has been hired, started on March 6th

**b. Treasurer's Position:** Ann to cover on a temporary basis.

Request for volunteer will be put forth to Congregation at Sunday Service, March 19, by Peter

**c. Easter breakfast:** Peter to organize for April 9th, 8 to 9 am - freewill offering  
Flyers to be circulated by our Youth (Sarah).

**d. Outreach Team:** Sarah reported a meeting held on March 6th and another scheduled for March 13th. Topics: Intergenerational Program; Seniors Outreach; Discipleship Training  
Rev Paul made motion to use the Rock Church donation (\$2,000) for Outreach Ministry;  
seconded by Sandra  
Motion Passed

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Ministry Teams Reports:**

**a. Property Team:** Elevator repaired (\$500); New Snowblower purchased: 4 Heat pumps to be covered; AED signage to be completed (#25 on sign)

**b. Worship Team:** Easter season services need volunteers to help with planning along with Rev Paul, Peter and Sarah. Positive reports on 9am Services.

**Recommendation to Council** - 1) we continue a blended service at 10am; 2) we continue the 9 am services after Lent. This Worship Team and Rev Paul will evaluate the 9 am services on an ongoing basis with those members who attend.

Motion made by Sarah to follow the above recommendation; seconded by Ann

Motion Passed

**c. Stewardship:** No report. Thanks were given to the Committee who scheduled the counters on Sunday.

**d. Learning:** No report

**e. Technology:** Added another speaker to the front area of Church

**f. Energy:** Team waiting on cost to repair front doors. Urquhart funds to be used to do this repair.

**g. Music:** Planning continues for music at Services.

**h. HR:** Hired new Office Administrator

**i. Anniversary:** Report given at AGM. 2024 - Our Bishop will be here for both May 4th dinner and will do May 5th Service.

**j. Seniors's Program:** To start Wednesday, April 26, 9 to 12 am. Peter to send ads in April.

**9. New Business:**

**a. Business arising from AGM:** Worship Services to continue at 9 am until after Lent.  
2023 Budget line for \$6,500 removed (additional Musician).

**b.Pastoral Succession:** Synod Guidelines to be followed. Call Team to consist of 6-8 people. Call Team Chair - Peter tp speak to this at March 19th Service to seek volunteers. Karen F. and David will volunteer from the Council.

**c. Cleanup of Church:** Spring cleaning of Attic and Overall cleaning of Church. Plans/date to be arranged for this cleaning.

**NOTE: Children's Activity Boxes:** Upgrades needed - Karen C. and Sarah will take on this project. \$50 budget for such supplies. Some items can be found in our Sunday School Rooms.

#### **10. Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul**

Next meeting: Sunday April 30 at 11:15

Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: