

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – Feb 11/2024, 11:15 am**

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

**Absent:** Tammy Crouse, Betsy Knickle and Sandra Schnare

**1. Call to Order** by Karen

Opening Prayer by Karen F.

**2. Approval of February Agenda:** 2 Additions under New Business (Rev Paul)

Approved by Consensus

**3. Approval of January Minutes:** Motion to adopt January minutes by Judy, seconded by Ann

**4. Financial Report:** Andre attended - Although Council members approved Andre to become our new/old Treasurer via email, Peter moved that we accept Andre in this position with Honorarium (now chartered accountant); seconded by Ann Motion Passed

Andre reviewed St.Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Financial Statements, December 31, 2023, with Council. Some discussion on Crisis Fund, Hall Estate Fund, Ladies Aid Fund, Ukraine Supply Fund, and Property Project Fund (heat pumps).

Peter moved to adopt December Financial Report; seconded by Ann Motion Passed

**5. Pastor's Report:** Sent to Council members via email

Approved by Consensus

**6. Old Business:**

**a. Update Temporary Winter Emerg Shelter:**

Shower is almost complete.

**b. Nominating Committee:** Eve Steenbeek has put her name forward. Andre will add his name to the Council. At AGM, there may be other names that come forward.

**c. Pastoral Succession:** Rev Paul has submitted his official 'letter of resignation'

**7. Correspondence: 1) Rev Paul read his letter to Council.** This letter will be sent to the Bishop by Peter.

**2) Letter from Gail St Clair.** After 8 ½ years of editing The Pulse, she is resigning.

Question - do we need to continue The Pulse?

**3) Email from Julie Ramey.** She is volunteering to do a web page and social media for St.Paul's. Council will give her the okay to go ahead with this. Action Karen F.

## **8. Ministry Teams Reports:**

**a. Property Team:** Work in progress - Shower and Church signage. Hall doors need to be replaced and we will need a new mower. Our Sound System needs further repair and heat pump covers have been ordered (2) for now. Action Marshall

**b. Worship Team:** Two Anniversary events have taken place.

**c. Stewardship:**

**d. Learning:** Confirmation classes continue

**e. Technology:**

**f. Energy:**

**g. Music:** Practices are scheduled for Wednesdays at 1:30

**h. HR:**

**i. Anniversary Service** - Ice Cream Social had good turnout

**j. Seniors's Program:** Seniors' Session being planned - speaker from SODA

**k. Outreach:**

## **9. New Business:**

**a. Review Congregation Mission Profile:** Peter is acting Interim Chair. Profile reviewed with Council members. Council to vote on approval of this Profile before being sent to the Bishop (March meeting).

**One addition to this Profile:** Accessibility improvements to be mentioned.

**b. Treasurer Position:** Approved by Council via email

**c. AGM Budget 2024:** Andre reviewed Budget with Council - increases to be made to salaries due to inflation costs. Lenten Coin Boxes - revenue will go to CLWR instead of General Fund (approx. \$800).

Peter made motion to adopt the 2024 Budget as presented, seconded by Karen C.

Motion Passed

**d. Rev Paul** requested approval/granted to attend the Continued Education Conference (Professional Development), April 7-13. Coverage needed for Sunday, April 7th.

**e. Lunenburg County Ministry Review Meeting:** In Lunenburg on Saturday February 17th starting at 9:30 am - several Council members to attend.

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

Next Council meeting: Sunday, March 10h at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: