

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2024, 11:15 am

Present: Peter Oickle, Rev Paul, Karen Corkum, Judy Garber, Andre Brideau, Ann Joudrey, Sandra Schnare

Absent: Regrets by Betsy Knickle, David Zwicker, Marshall Robar, Eve Steenbeek

1. Called to Order

Opening Prayer by Peter

2. Approval of May Agenda: Addition - Amend meeting date for future May Council meetings
Approved by Consensus

3. Approval of April Minutes: Motion to adopt April minutes as circulated by Judy
Approved by Consensus

4. Financial Report: Andre reviewed his April report with Council

Highlights: April general fund deficit = \$4,459
2024 general fund surplus (Jan to April 30) = \$5,105
Accumulated general fund surplus remaining = \$37,305

General fund offerings were down from April 2023 (Easter in March)

Room rental up, relates to SODA

Salary & Benefits up due to COLA, raises for organist, custodian and treasurer pay

Printing costs up due to AGM packages, membership lists for the directory, as well as other team needs

Insurance costs were higher

Convention \$750 for Tammy Crouse - early bird delegate fees

Andre moved the adoption of his Financial Report, seconded by Ann Motion Passed

5. Pastor's Report: Approved by Consensus

6. Old Business:

a. Update Temporary Winter Emerg Shelter:

Signed contract extended to 365 days. When said contract is up for renewal, probable request for increased rent (electrical and water used by SODA).

b. Model Ministry, Lunenburg County: Rev Adam Snook is scheduled to hold a meeting in Mahone Bay on Sat. May 25th. This meeting will be open to those Congregations who voted to take the next steps (10/20 churches voted yes). Bishop Pryce to attend via Zoom.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Ministry Team Reports

a) Property: Bucks to be contacted for quote on new doors for hall.

Work in progress to have the lower parking lot wall repaired. A Sign to be placed for warning to the public.

b) Worship: Meeting held on May 7th - reviewed upcoming services. Liturgy #10 will be used for the next coming months. Peter will cover the Services on June 9 & 16, during Rev Paul's vacation. Karen will do the 9 am Services same Sundays.

Special Baptism/Confirmation Service for Preston Joudrey on May 19th.

c) Stewardship: Working on schedule for the year.

d. Learning: No VBS this summer.

e. Technology:

f. Energy: Meeting re: Solar Panels to be held

g. Music: Concert on June 2

h. HR:

i. Anniversary Team: Memorial stone selected for Old Graveyard (Heritage Company in Windsor)

j. Seniors's Program: June or September meeting is being considered.

k. Outreach:

9. New Business:

a. June 2 Concert: 1st Baptist Church to perform on Sat, June 2nd, 3 pm. Invites were sent to other Congregations. Peter & Virginia will be our Greeters. Lunch to be provided after the Concert. Freewill offering to go to the Food Bank. Rev Paul to announce in Church on May 19th and 26th. Judy to meet with Gail re: fridge use that day.

b. May Council meetings: Motion made by Sandra to move future May Council meetings to the first Sunday, seconded by Ann. Motion Passed

10. Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul

Next Council meeting: Sunday, June 9 at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: