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**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – Sept 8, 2024, 11:15 am**

Present: Peter Oickle, Karen Corkum, Judy Garber, Andre Brideau, Ann Joudrey, Sandra Schnare, David Zwiicker, Marshall and Eve Steenbeek, Rev Paul

Absent: Betsy Knickle

1. Called to Order

2. Approval of September Agenda: Adopted Agenda after Additions - Karen and Sandra

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

4. Financial Report: Andre reviewed June, July & August Reports with Council

Highlights: June general fund surplus = \$4,004
2024 general fund surplus (Jan 1 to June 30) = \$12,918
Accumulated general fund surplus remaining = \$45,119

July general fund surplus = \$1,993
2024 general fund surplus (Jan 1 to July 31) = \$14,911
Accumulated general fund surplus remaining = \$47,112

August general fund surplus = \$567
2024 general fund surplus (Jan 1 to August 31) = \$15,479
Accumulated general fund surplus remaining = \$47,679

Andre moved the adoption of his Financial Reports, seconded by David Motion Passed

5. Pastor's Report: Rev Paul emailed his 3-month report Approved by Consensus

6. Old Business:

a. SODA Update:

Usage of our space has increased. Issue: People are gathering on doorsteps. Marshall to address with the SODA Staff.

b. Model Ministry, Lunenburg County: New Name - South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry

Two questions asked - Preferred number of Services and Preferred Service Times
Council's reply is to have the same as present - 2 Services at 9 and 10 am on Sundays

At present, Karen Field is acting delegate with alternate being Marshall Robar
Motion made by Sandra to rescind previous motion for Marshall as our delegate,
seconded by Eve Motion Passed

New motion made by Ann to have Karen F. as our delegate with Marshall being our alternate, seconded by Karen C. Motion Passed

c. Transition Ministry:

Sandra reported that meetings were held over the summer. Most of our 10 am services are covered with 9 am services less covered. Letters were sent to Theology Schools etc. 10 Pastors were contacted - some services will be on Sunday evenings.

Reformation Service - Invites to other Congregations; Lucille will organize the reception. Rev Paul reported that we will not be responsible for the 2024 Advent Service.

7. Correspondence: Email requests from Adm, Gail (see New Business)

8. Ministry Team Reports

a) Property: Discussion on paving the parking lot. Two quotes received - to be completed this year. A Congregation meeting will take place after the service on Sunday, Sept 15th.

Motion made by Marshall to relate Council recommendations for paving parking lot to our Congregation, authorize up to \$48,000, on Sept 15th, seconded by Sandra

Motion Passed

Peter and Andre will answer questions about this proposal

b) Worship: Meeting held on Sept 3rd. Summer Services were hard to hear on YouTube. Nothing planned for the Reconciliation Service.

Sunday, Oct 13th, Rev Paul's last sermon; Brian Carver to do Remembrance Service

c) Stewardship: Nothing new - organized to end of December

d. Learning: Nil

e. Technology: Sound system is challenging

f. Energy: Nil

g. Music: Choir practices to be on Thursday afternoons at 1:30

h. HR: Nil

i. Anniversary Team: Memorial Stone coming Sept 16th

j. Seniors's Program: Early October meeting is being planned

k. Outreach: Program with Nursing Homes

l. AGM: Feb 23 or March 2, 2025 (storm date)

9. New Business:

a. Gail's Requests:

Grocery Cards - After present funds are depleted, no further funding to be given

Rest area for Roof 25 participants - will not be built due to Liability Issues

b. Youth Ministry: October Agenda

c. Congregational meeting on Sunday, Sept 15th, following service

d. Installation of Eastern Bishop: Held at St. Matthew's, Kitchener, ON

We will try and livestream for our Congregation - Sept 28th

e. Esthetics: A Plan has been drafted to move our Kitchen - For discussion at our October meeting

f. GIC's: Andre reported on 2 GIC's maturing and there need for renewal
Motion by Andre to renew both GIC's for another year, seconded by Ann

Motion Passed

g. Christmas Boxes: Karen asked for approval to organize a 'group session' to pack boxes this year. She will select a date to gather - approval given.

h. Rev Paul's Farewell Supper: Discussion

10. Closing Prayer by Eve

Next Council meeting: Sunday, October 13 at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved:

Congregational Meeting - September 15 after 10 am Service

Peter Chaired

Marshall & Andre to answer any questions presented

Items for discussion

- 1) South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry
- 2) Proposed Paving of Parking Lot
- 3) Transition Ministry Team

1)South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry

Karen Field spoke on recent meetings held.

10/21 churches are going forward with new proposal - 2 ministers to provide services

Discussion

Motion - St.Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bridgewater, agrees and accepts partnership in South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry for a period of 3 years commencing on or before January 1, 2025, seconded by Belinda Josephson

Motion Passed

2) Paving Proposal - to be completed this year

Discussion

Your Council hereby recommends a contract for paving the parking lot with Halifax Paving to the sum of \$48,000 be granted, seconded by Joanne Meisner

Motion Passed

3) Transition Ministry Team

Discussion

Our Council requests 8 services/month for a 3-year period. Our Ministry Team has arranged coverage from October to December 2024. A sheet with dates/times will be distributed to our Congregation members.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved: