

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – Jan. 12, 2025, 11:15 am**

Present: Peter Oickle, Karen Corkum, Judy Garber, Andre Brideau, Ann Joudrey, Sandra Schnare, David Zwiicker, Marshall Robar
Eve Steenbeek has resigned

1. Called to Order by Peter

Prayer by Karen

2. Approval of January Agenda:

Adopted Agenda after Amendments

3. Approval of Nov & Dec Minutes:

Motion to adopt Nov minutes by Judy, seconded Sandra

Motion Passed

Motion to adopt Dec minutes by Judy, seconded Andre

Motion Passed

4. Financial Report: Andre reviewed his December Report with Council

Highlights: December general fund surplus = \$8,661
2024 general fund surplus (Jan 1 to Dec 31) = \$24,990
Accumulated general fund surplus remaining = \$57,191

*General Fund offerings were down \$5,282 from Dec 2023

*Room Rentals \$10,412, most relates to SODA

*Repairs & Maintenance = \$303

*Hall door: final payment \$3,903

*Books: Eternity for Today \$423

*Power and Water, up from 2023 (SODA)

*Christmas families = \$748

*Saved \$5,000 in December (no full time Pastor)

Hall Estate GIC \$50,000 reinvested for one year

Library Fund: \$599.08 - Sandra made motion to have this fund transferred to Community Cafe,
seconded by Andre

Motion Passed

Andre moved the adoption of his December Financial Report, seconded by David

Motion Passed

Andre presented his Draft 2025 Budget - reviewed with Council

Further discussion on 2025 Budget at AGM in March

Andre's draft budget accepted as presented, seconded by Ann

Motion Passed

5. Pastor's Report: nil

6. Old Business:

- a. SODA Update:** Washer/dryer to be installed in the near future - utility room
- b) Update SS Lutheran Shared Ministry:** Peter circulated Service schedule for January & February. Rev Annette Smith to arrive on January 30th
Discussion on which 1-hour Sunday Service to record for CKBW
Discussion on finances for SSLS Ministry (Andre is Treasurer)
- c) Youth Ministry:** Proposed further talks in the spring 2025
- d) AGM:** Sunday March 2 at 12:30 within the Church (storm date March 9)
Lunch to be provided - Sunday School Room
Peter & Gail are working on a Statistical Report for AGM

7. Correspondence: nil

8. Ministry Team Reports

- a) Property: Damage to elevator.** Decision to POST a sign - FOR People USE ONLY & to be announced in Church
- b) Worship:** Meeting held with Rev Victoria present. Team not doing any long term planning.
- c) Stewardship:** No meeting
- d. Learning:** Nil
- e. Technology:** Nil
- f. Energy:** Nil
- g. Music:** Nil
- h. HR:** Nil
- i. Seniors's Program:** Feb or March meeting
- j. Outreach:** Nil

9. New Business:

- a. Esthetics:** Tabled until New Year
- b. Team reports by January 20th**
- c. Synod Covenant:** Agreed to proposal - special service to be planned
- d. SS Bulletin Religion Directory:** To send Feb & March Ministry Service Schedule
- e. Nominating Committee:** 8-12 people can be on Council. Decision to contact Helen Sarty to start process (Judy)
- f. Christmas Worship & Lyric Videos:** Suggestion made to purchase an Expansion pack, specifically for Christmas music - Sandra to research

10. Closing Prayer - Peter

Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary

Approved:

Next Council Meeting - February 9 @ 10:15 am

Short Council Meeting - Sunday, Feb 2nd

Topic: Schedule of Sunday Church Services

Sunday, Feb 9th @ 9 am, Traditional Service, Pastor Annette Smith

Sunday Feb 16th at Lunenburg, Installation of 2 new Pastors

Sunday, Feb 23rd, TBA

It was reported that some Congregational members are disappointed in not having their Contemporary Services at 9 am on Sundays.

Discussion

Week of Feb 3rd - Karen Corkum, Sandra Schnare and Olive Joudrey are meeting with Rev Smith re: 9 am Services etc.

Andre reported that we are paying for 6 Services per month. Peter will contact each Pastor to see if they would consider doing a Contemporary Service at 4 pm on a Saturday (one or two). This will give our Church the 6 Services per month (presently having 4 Services).

A survey with our Congregation will be completed some time between March-April to gather their opinion on the new Service schedule, SSLSM.

Meeting adjourned

Secty - Judy Garber