

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2024, 11:15 am

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

Absent: Regrets by Betsy Knickle

1. Called to Order

Opening Prayer by Ann

2. Approval of April Agenda: Several additions

Motion to accept April Agenda with amendments by Sandra, seconded by Karen

Motion Passed

3. Approval of March Minutes: Motion to adopt March minutes as circulated by Judy

Approved by Consensus

4. Financial Report: Andre reviewed his report with Council

Highlights: March general fund deficit = \$1,848
2024 General fund surplus (Jan to March 31) = \$9,644
Accumulated general fund surplus remaining = \$41,845

General fund offerings were up from March 2023 as well as hall rental revenue.
Sanctuary audio costs were \$2,567 (final bill).

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:

Nothing out of ordinary - goal is to keep the neighbors happy

b. Mission Profile: Peter has sent the final Profile to Eastern Synod.

c. Model Ministry, Lunenburg County: Our Congregation has voted 100% to proceed with their proposal.

d. 2025 Delegate: Judy Wile needs to be nominated - 10 names needed from Congregation (8 names sent forward).

7. Correspondence: a) Lions Club request

b) Letter from Olive Joudrey

c) Letter from Boyne Clarke(lawyers)

a) Peter Wagner has reached out to St.Paul's to relocate their Food Pantry somewhere on our premises. Council discussed the needs to accommodate this Pantry. Decision made against having such as many Liabilities involved.

Marshall made a motion to refuse the Lions' Club request, seconded by Ann

Motion Passed

b) Olive has asked the okay to proceed with fund-raising for 'Danica's Dream', during the month of May. Council has approved Olive's request. Judy to call Olive.

c) Estate of Edwin Urquhart - Estate Closing Options

Andre reviewed the letter with Council (\$52,000 left to distribute). Upon discussion of information given, it was decided to go with Option #2, for final closure of estate.

Andre made motion to follow Option #2 as explained in the letter for final closure of estate, seconded by David

Motion Passed

Peter will send a letter back to Boyne Clarke stating our decision for closure as a recipient to the Urquhart Estate (Opt #2).

8. Ministry Teams Reports:

a. **Property Team:** Marshall reported several repairs remaining to be completed. Marshall to remain as liaison to Council.

b. **Worship Team:** No meeting - Council liaison will be Karen C.

c. **Stewardship:** Schedule for year to be discussed - Ann to remain as liaison.

d. **Learning:** Liaison is Betsy.

The Baptism/Confirmation for Preston, welcoming him to our Congregation, to take place on Sunday, May 19th.

e. **Technology:** Liaison is Marshall

f. **Energy:** Liaison is Peter

g. **Music:** Concert on June 2 - David is liaison

h. **HR:** Brian only member

i. **Anniversary Team:** 44 tickets sold for supper on May 4th with Bishop present. MC to be Brian. The Bishop will have Sunday Service, May 5th.

j. **Seniors's Program:** June meeting is being considered. Peter to remain as liaison.

k. **Outreach:** Eve to be liaison.

9. New Business:

a. **Transition Process:** Discussion - Reps from Council to take part in Synod proposal - David and Sandra. Peter to speak to this with Congregation on Sunday, April 21st, to hopefully obtain more volunteers to participate in these discussions.

b. Church Fascia Repair: Rev Paul to further pursue these repairs. Town of Bridgewater will need to be involved during these repairs.

c. Installation of Council: Rev Paul will inform Council when he can schedule this at Sunday Service.

d. Extension of Shelter Lease: Discussion.

Motion by Marshall to extend Shelter Lease, as per request, seconded by Sandra.

Motion Passed

10. Closing Prayer by Pastor Paul

Next Council meeting: Sunday, May 12 at 11:15 am



Respectfully submitted by Judy Garber, Secretary



Approved: