

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

After devotions, scripture and prayer by Pastor Sarah, the February 21st, 2019 church council meeting was called to order by Vice President Cheryl Wickersham.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Council reviewed minutes from the previous meeting. Debb Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Claudia Fetter. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Penny Ward presented the January 2019 Financial Statement. Esther Levering made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Larry Reiff. Motion passed.

Penny reported as of today the Building Loan balance is \$22,994.77 and the HVAC Loan balance is \$3,142.31.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Fresh Produce Distribution will be held on Thursday, March 7th at All Occasions Barn. The donation requests are for shampoo, conditioner and toilet paper.

Chris Seiter, church secretary, will be on vacation March 29th – April 8th.

The Maple Syrup Festival at Lutheran Memorial Camp is Sunday, March 10th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PASTOR'S REPORT

The Beineke Family (Paul, Cheryl, Karis and Katie) has requested a membership transfer to our church. Bill Wickersham made a motion to permit this, seconded by Claudia Fetter. Motion passed. It was noted they have two young adult children named Virginia and Jacob.

Claudia Fetter made a motion to receive Bruce and Bonnie Hightshoe as transferred members. Seconded by Debb Crawford. Motion passed.

The following people are receiving new member education: John Wasserbeck, Jakala Laipply and Lauryn Wasserbeck. John and Lauren will both be baptized in the future.

First Communion classes will be held on March 9th and 23rd for Karis Beineke and Lauryn Wasserbeck. They will receive their First Communion on Palm Sunday. This spring Pastor Sarah will hold Sunday School wide communion education.

There will be a Healing Service on Thursday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. It will involve Laying on of Hands, Anointing and Holy Communion.

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The following Lent schedule was announced:

- Ash Wednesday is March 6th at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion.
- Midweek Lent Services - March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10. Theme is *Gathered Around the Cross*. (Sign up for meals is on the Family Board. Meal starts at 6:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. for choir members.)
- Palm Sunday - April 14th with procession of the palms. There will be extra palms available if a volunteer is interested in decorating with them. First Communion will be observed.

The Holy Week schedule is as follows: (*All services will be held at St. Paul's*)

- Maundy Thursday - April 18th at 7:00 p.m. A Living Last Supper will be portrayed followed by Stripping of the Altar
- Good Friday – April 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil – April 20th at 5:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunrise – April 21st at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast
- Easter Day – April 21st at 10:30 a.m. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 a.m.

The 2019 Youth Mission Trip will be July 7th-13th. Youth will travel to NYC to work through the Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP). There are 38 participants: St. Paul's – 17; Emanuel – 16; Peace UCC – 5. The tentative itinerary is to serve through YSOP, stay at Hi New York (a hostel located near Central Park), boat around the Statue of Liberty and attend a Broadway show. Cost estimates per person were discussed.

Travel for the mission trip will be by bus. Jeff Griffin made a motion to use the funds from the March Madness Buckeye sale, use a \$500 donation from Pastors Sarah and Jarrod Schaaf and use the Youth Fund to cover the remaining balance to pay for the bus. Second by Debb Crawford. Motion passed.

Mission trip fundraisers:

- Fat Tuesday Pancake Meal – Tuesday, March 5th at 5:00 p.m.
- March Madness Buckeye Sale – February 24th - March 15th

Noisy can offerings will be on Sunday, February 24th and March 31st.

An Intergenerational Bowling event will be held at Bluefusion on Sunday, March 24th.

We continue our church theme Year of Scripture. Resources are available on the table in the educational wing.

ELDERS REPORT

The passing of Elder George Moser was discussed. Bill Wickersham made a motion to appoint Linda Lovell as Elder contingent upon her accepting the offer. Second by Debb Crawford. Motion passed.

Claudia Fetter reported she did February shut-in visits.

DEACONS REPORT

Nothing to report.

Esther Levering thanked the deacons for their hard work on the candelabras. They look great!

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TRUSTEES REPORT

Church keys held by council members were inventoried.

PARISH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bill Wickersham reported the Adult II Sunday School material is here.

Seek devotionals will be available.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Esther Levering thanked all the men who helped set up for the funeral dinner last weekend. Many hands made quick work of the task.

St. Paul's will host a luncheon on Tuesday, March 5th at 12:00 p.m. for Living Hope Ministries. Rev. Mary Jane and Rev. Andris Jolibois will share information and stories. All are welcome!

The next circle meeting is March 12th.

May 5th will be Family Night. Details to come.

OLD BUSINESS

The church website is up and running. It was recommended to include the sermons on the site.

NEW BUSINESS

The following people have requested use of the educational wing:

- Bill Lichtenberger on March 16th
- Candy Klingel on May 25th
- Janet Poorman on June 1st

Jeff Griffin made a motion to approve these requests, seconded by Bill Wickersham. Motion passed.

Rise Up, O Men, a musical comedy will be presented on April 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Palace. See the Family Board for more information.

The next council meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with council standing and saying The Lord's Prayer.

submitted,

Respectfully
Kelly Talley, Recording
Secretary

PRESENT: Pastor Sarah, Cheryl Wickersham, Claudia Fetter, Larry Reiff, Jeff Griffin, Bill Lichtenberger, Todd Ward, Penny Ward, Debb Crawford, Esther Levering, Bill Wickersham, Kelly Talley.

EXCUSED: Hal Clase, David Weichenthal, Youth Deacon, Don Isler, Greg Price, Bob Wolf.