

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COMBINED VOTER'S ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL MINUTES
December 06, 2017

Note: Church Council, scheduled for December 6, 2017 and Voter's Assembly, scheduled for December 10, 2017 were combined on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 due to the presentation of the Congregational Self Study Results by Rev. Gailen Walther on Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Opening prayer and devotion by Pastor Bruner.

Meeting called to order by President Ed Sergent at 7:32 p.m.

Moved and supported to accept Voter's Assembly minutes of October 8, 2017 with corrections:

- Bookkeeper/Finance Report
 - Delete: *Not represented is Accounts Receivable as that is solely with the school.*
 - Insert: The Accounts Receivable figures not available at this time.
- Trustees report
 - Delete: *Water softener replaced.*
 - Insert: Water softener to be replaced.

Motion carried.

Moved and supported to accept Council minutes of November 1, 2017 with amended notes presented by Pastor Walther. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to accept new transfers in: Linda Schmidt from St Mark, Flint. Motion carried.

Reinstate: None

Transfers out: None

Releases: None

Profession of Faith: None

Old Business:

- Question raised on status of School Office remodel. Trustees indicated they have all the necessary information to proceed ahead and have approved. No one from Trust and Investment present to comment on funding.
- Question raised on funds from Schnell Estate. Funds totaling \$10,682.63 received in November and deposited into Memorials undesignated account. Were the funds stipulated as to how to use? No one had an answer.

New Business: Moved and supported to change names on accounts at Frankenmuth Credit Union church checking account. Effective January 1, 2018, remove Steve Kern and Lana Glady. Add Connie Daenzer (Director of Finance-Elect) and Gale Brown (Budget Director). Motion carried.

Board Reports

- *Board of Elders-Glenu Brown.* Rev Gailen Walther discussed topics of the Congregational Self Study Survey with Council and Elders on November 8, 2017. He will present the completed survey to the Congregation on December 10, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
- *Board of Stewardship-Dave Ackerman.* Discussed Gideon's Project "Birthday for Jesus".
- *Board of Social Concerns-Jan McKee*
 - Giving Tree has 26 children and 8 families – down from last year.
 - Mr & Mrs Claus (Willard/Caryoln Petzold) will deliver gifts to Wellspring on Monday.
 - Giving Tree stars that are out need to be returned.
 - The Community Center received a generous donation of \$10,000 that is to be used by charities for Christmas.
- *Board of Education-Heather Petzold*
 - Lorie Keinath has resigned. Mike Hoard has agreed to serve for the remainder of Lorie's term (2018). Approved by Council.
 - Welcome to newly elected members: Marcie Draper and Jamie Fackler.
- *Principal-Paul Schoenknecht*
 - Accreditation completion by April 2018 with team here in May 2018.
 - School News is available weekly on St Paul's website.
- *Bookkeeper-Diane Mills.* As Secretary of Election Nominating Committee, Constitution states election results are to be presented to Voter's Assembly and recorded as part of minutes. Moved and supported to destroy ballots. Motion carried.
- *Board of Finance-Steve Kern.*
 - November 2017 surplus is \$3,780.29; FY to date is \$92,654.58.
 - Began FY 17-18 with deficit of (\$61,703.07). We now have a surplus of \$30,951.51. Surplus can be attributed to having only one pastor and stability of school tuition payments.
 - Engaged MI District LCMS Director of Finance, Chad Woltemath, to perform a financial review of our books. Preliminary report indicates all checks and balances in place and books are handled in an appropriate manner. Written report coming.
- *Salary and Personnel Committee-Tim Keinath.* No report.
- *Board of Trustees-Jon Keinath*
 - Thanks to all who helped decorate the church and premises.
 - Pavilion has been winterized.
 - The Sanctuary area cannot hear security/fire alarms. Checking into avenues how to extend this capability to the Sanctuary.
 - Looking for substitute custodian
 - Switching to MANS (Michigan Association of Non-public Schools) as our provider for DTE. DTE will still bill us, but at a lower rate as determined by

MANS. Initial set up will cost some money, but a significant savings in the long run.

- *Board of Evangelism.* No report.
- *Board of Fellowship.* No report.
- *Administrative Pastor Report-Pastor Bruner*
 - Offered printed report
 - Installation of newly elected church officer will be January 7, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. service.
 - Historical committee working on St Paul's 125th anniversary in 2022. Mortgage will be paid off so we will be celebrating a debt free 125th!!!

Closed with Common Doxology. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Heber

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