

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 09, 2017

Devotion and prayer by Pastor Bruner. Regarding the devotion, last week Latch Key was evaluated by the state and found a few repairs and fixes that were needed. This verse says "don't worry." On Thursday a past member was talking with staff and shared the needed requirements with the state. The past member said "get them." Staff explained it might be expensive, they said, "OK, go ahead, get what you need." It is good to share great news with all.

Called to order at 1:30 P.M. by President Sergent.

Moved and supported to accept minutes of February 12, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

New voting members: None.

No New Business.

No Old Business.

REPORTS:

Pastor Abatelli- This will be his last Voters' Meeting. He talked with circuit ministry and is to begin closing out his ministry here. There are 5 adults in Confirmation Class. Please assist him if you know of something that needs closing. He thanked the congregation for giving him the privilege to share the ministry of the love and forgiveness of our Lord. He requested a peaceful release effective June 07, 2017. Tim Sergent read Pastor Abatelli's letter. Moved and supported to accept the release of Pastor Kirk Abatelli to Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge, TN. Motion carried.

Administrative Pastor-Pastor Bruner had printed report. There will be a Farewell Committee formed for the Abatellis farewell between services on June 4. Facilitator Pastor Gailan Walther will be assisted by Pastor Gary Bender for the Self Study.

Board of Finance-Deficit was (\$35,687.90). Budget process has begun~please return ASAP and no later than May 15. Budget Director had to resign due to job relocation. Lana Glady will fill in, but the position is open. Requests from Trusts & Investments were from:

Trustees for: \$2500.00 for paint, blinds, TV TV/DVD mount, chairs for Multi Purpose Room
\$1672.00 to refurbish handbells
\$ 500.00 for 2 Brother scanners
\$ 981.12 to purchase new projector for Sanctuary
\$1168.08 to replace carpet in Pastors Offices
\$6821.20

Moved and supported to allow Trust & Investment to provide \$6,821.20 to Trustees. Motion carried.

Board of Stewardship-Pledge Drive has begun. Cards will be out on April 22 and collected the following week. Moved and supported to contribute \$9000.00 to TIM (Together In Missions). Motion carried. Moved and supported to accept requests for \$400.00 each to Maylyne Wager, Bethany Daenzer and Janette Keinath for mission trips. Motion carried.

Elders- Moved and supported to accept-

Transfers In: None.

Reinstate: None.

Transfers Out: Gerald and Judith Koeltzow to St. Martin's, Birch Run, MI.

Releases: None.

Profession of Faith: None.

Motion carried.

Funeral Policy change so we now have a contract to go along with Policy change. *Here We Stand* sign up is at book case. There is no charge for ticket, but you must have one for entry. Working on Pastoral vacancy, budget, building use policy.

Board of Education-Christy Ostrander received her colloquy. Moved and supported to extend call for Teacher to Christy Ostrander. Motion carried. Question raised if we are in violation of only calling one. Board of Education said no, according to Bruce Braun.

Principal's Report-Lutheran Schools Music Festival will be hosted by St. Paul, Millington on April 28. Volunteers are needed, please contact Mrs. Walter. Athletic Banquet is May 10 and Academic Banquet is May 28. Accreditation is moving along. Millington Police Chief Oliver wants to visit once a week to greet and visit classes so they know police are good. MSP Trooper Swales, CST (Community Service Trooper) will also be visiting. Jan Snyder has plan to visit newborns and infants to share the love of Christ and encourage church and school. Received a grant for yard signs~they will be seen around town and in the area. Vacation Bible School will be June 26-29. The staff will serve supper to family. Adults will go to one class with students attending another.

Board of Social Concerns-Lunches for Saginaw Rescue Mission are made. New Counselor being considered. Mother's Day Baby Bottle Boomerang will change with bottles as in the past and large bottle banks in Narthex for collection.

Board of Trustees-About a month ago the sewage backed up at the school. We paid about \$1400.00 for materials and the Village footed the rest of the bill. The school office has LED lighting. Adding keypad access to the kitchen door.

Jacob Petzold made a third presentation to Voter's to amend the Constitution of St. Paul that "no future building project may be undertaken while a current building debt exists, unless that project can be funded in its entirety before work begins. If no current building debt exists, the congregation must first raise, at least, 20% of the total estimated project cost.

1. A "building project" is any construction that increases the footprint or square footage of our Church, School or any buildings on our property.
2. A "building debt" refers to any outstanding loan, line of credit or any money owed toward a past "building project."
3. This rule excludes the Parsonage entirely. Any projects there will be subject to normal process within the Board of Trustees."

Moved and supported to proceed with vote. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to amend Constitution, Article VII as presented with "YES" accepting of amendment as printed and "NO" as rejection of the amendment. Diane Mills and Ken McKee appointed tellers.

Vote results: YES 21 NO 15 Motion failed due to lack of majority vote.

Board of Salary & Personnel-Lutheran Benefits representative is coming to explain benefits.

Board of Fellowship & Youth-No report.

Chester Frank requested permission to purchase sewing machine for Dorcas Quilters. It was decided to donate the funds for the purchase.

Moved and supported to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 3:28 P.M. Closed with Common Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Hebner, Parish Secretary