

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MINUTES
February 12, 2017

Devotion and prayer by Pastor Abatelli.

Call to order at 1:40 P.M. by President Sergent.

New voting members: Mike Blue and Dick Glady . Moved and supported to accept new members. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to accept-

Transfers In: None.

Transfers Out: None.

Releases: None.

Profession of Faith: Taren, Nicholas and Casen Ewing, Millington and Sheri Webster, Millington.

Motion carried.

Moved and supported to accept minutes of December 18, 2017 (rescheduled from 11th due to weather) as presented. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to accept minutes of January 08, 2017 Special meeting with corrections of Voter's Assembly (not Board of Education) and delete (for the 2017-2018 school year). Motion carried.

No Old Business.

REPORTS:

Board of Elders- New funeral policy presented. "*Here We Stand*" Campaign will have Ray Zavada lead a meeting on February 19 at 12:30 in the Parish Hall. A light lunch will be served. The Michigan District is raising funds for four ministries in conjunction with the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation. Katie Abatelli will attend a Pastor's Wife Conference in April. Elders are looking into the same sex bathroom issue. Please contact an Elder if you have questions or comments. Committee reports need to be turned in for the 2016 Annual Report.

Board of Stewardship-No report.

Board of Trustees-Electric key process begun. All church lanterns now have LED lights.

Board of Fellowship & Youth-No report.

Board of Salary & Personnel-No report.

Board of Education-No report.

Administrative Pastor-Pastor Bruner had printed combined report.

Associate Pastor-Pastor Abatelli was included in the combined report from Pastor Bruner.

Principal's Report-Lutheran Schools Week is March 5-12. This year's theme is Upon The Rock. We thank John Petzold for the large rock in front of the school entrance, which is from the farm of the original school location in Arbela Township. Many "rock" activities will be conducted throughout the week. Lutheran Schools Music Festival will be hosted by St. Paul, Millington on April 28. Volunteers are needed, please contact Mrs. Walter. Vacation Bible School is planned for June 26-29. The theme is "Barnyard" and it will be a family Bible Study. Day Staff will be serving supper then adults will go to one class and the students will attend

another. The Millington Junior Women's Club is researching the possibility of beginning an education savings account for all Kindergarten students in Millington and is in the planning stages with the Frankenmuth Credit Union. Hastings, MI is currently utilizing this program. We are in the planning stages of creating a Marketing Committee to promote St. Paul School. Please contact Mr. Schoenknecht if you have an interest in assisting with this committee.

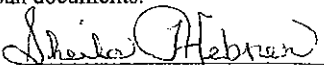
Trust and Investment presented to items for Voter's approval. Moved and supported to approve \$660.00 for computer and screen for school office. Motion carried.

Moved and supported to approve \$5,000.00 to purchase flooring and underlay, paint, countertop and cabinets, table and chairs, loveseat and two armchairs for remodeling the Youth Room. Motion carried

Board of Finance-Explanation of the budget with the deficit, but this year we are ahead with the planned budget. Thank you to all who worked so diligently to make this work.

Moved and supported that the following resolution be approved to renew the Line of Credit:

BE IT RESOLVED that Edward Sergent and Steven Kern as the President and Director of Finance are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to renew the congregation's line of credit with Church Extension Fund of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (CEF) in accordance with the terms, policy and conditions being extended by such Lender at the time of execution of the loan documents.


Sheila Hebner, Parish Secretary

Motion carried.

Evangelism-No report.

Social Concerns-No report.

Jacob Petzold presented a By Law change that would break the Board of Youth & Fellowship into the Board of Fellowship and the Youth would become a Committee operating under the supervision of the Board of Elders. Moved and supported that The Board of Fellowship & Youth become The Board of Fellowship and Youth become a Committee under the Elders. Motion carried. Amendment moved and supported that *High School* be deleted under Youth Committee (a) and only Youth Group be used to include the Jr High Youth. Motion carried.

Jacob Petzold made a second 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."

An open invitation was extended to attend the Early Riser devotions at 8 A.M. and attendance to the Lutheran Schools Week events. March 6 will be Pancake Breakfast at 8 A.M.

Meeting adjourned 2:29 P.M.

Closed with Common Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Hebner, Parish Secretary