

St Paul's Church Council

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2020

Call to order: The regular meeting of the St. Paul's Church council was called to order by President Eric Myers at 6:43 pm via Zoom.

A. Attendance:

**Present:**

Amy Burkett  
Don Gray  
Patty Long  
Eric Myers  
Tracie Schmolt  
John Stanko  
Carol Stoner  
Dave Stoner

**Absent:**

Deidra Monastra  
Barb Palmer  
Marilyn Perkowski

**Staff Present:** Rev Mark Kreemer

- I. **Pastor's Report:** Livestream of services going well with the new camera. There is a new table for the Welcome center in the narthex. Council minutes are now on the website. Doug White resigned from Council and from the Property Committee and has left the church with his wife Becky. This was because of the March Council decision that allowed the pastor to council same sex marriage candidates and conduct weddings.

Carol Stoner made a motion to reluctantly accept Doug White's resignation from Council. Dave Stoner seconded. Motion passed.

II. **Treasurer's Report:**

A written Income and Expense Summary Report for June 2020. Income of \$32,672.74, Expenses \$23,595.47, MTD surplus \$9,077.27 and YTD deficit of \$5,092.53 was presented

Dave Stoner made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the Mission Endowment fund to Faith in Action in Massillon which operates the Attic Resale Shop. The donation is to help with their roof repair. Amy Burkett seconded. Motion approved.

Patty Long made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the Mission Endowment fund to the Christian Children's Home (CCHO) which serves Stark County and provides a safe environment where abused and neglected children find healing, discover hope and experience unconditional love. Dave Stoner seconded. Motion passed.

Carol Stoner made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the Mission Endowment fund to the Freedom Farm at Whispering Grace Horses in Massillon which builds a partnership between humans and horses including veterans with PTSD. John Stanko seconded. Motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Property Management** – Coon Restoration has the East side complete, still working on the west side. Trying to get a completion date. Livestream equipment is in and training is happening. Brick retaining wall has damaged and quotes are being obtained. No action for council required.

**Technology** – No report.

**Finance** – No report.

**Welfare and Social Action** – Back to school program with Salvation Army- please have your donations and supplies in. No action for council required.

**Scholarship Committee**- No report.

**Worship and Church Music** – No report. Meeting in August.

**Youth and Parish Education** – No report.

**Stewardship**- No report.

**Parish Fellowship** – No report

### **III. Unfinished Business –**

Covid-19 concern – there was 1 person at a service that didn't wear a mask. They were provided one at the door. They will be contacted to remind them of our policy. If Stark County changes to the Red category on the map given out by the governor in person services will be cancelled until the map changes back to orange.

Clarification of March legislation

2009 ELCA Assembly decided that Congregations can affirm same gender relationships. Pastor will craft a letter for Council and send to the Congregation regarding the decision that the Council made to expand marriage at St Paul's to allow same sex marriage.

Group Gathering Planning- If the map from the Governor shows Stark county in the red category all gatherings will be cancelled. If meeting in person, must use masks, be small groups, social distance, hand washing, and follow all Covid-19 guidelines.

### **IV. New Business –**

Need end of the year committee reports. Due to Anna by 7/31/20.

Dave Stoner made a motion to have the August Annual Congregational meeting be a mass mailing to include committee reports instead of meeting in person because of Covid-19. Questions to be addressed to chairpersons of committees. Patty Long seconded. Motion passed.

### **V. Correspondence – None**

### **VI. Next Meeting: August 11, 2020**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes prepared by Tracie Schmolt, Secretary.