

St Paul's Church Council

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

Call to order: The regular meeting of the St. Paul's Church council was called to order by President Eric Myers at 6:35 pm via Zoom.

A. Attendance:

Present:

Amy Burkett
Dan Farrar (non-voting)
Don Gray
Patty Long
Eric Myers
Barb Palmer
Tracie Schmolt
Carol Stoner
Dave Stoner

Absent:

Deidra Monastra
Marilyn Perkowski
John Stanko

Staff Present: Rev Mark Kreemer

- I. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kreemer
- II. Read and approved minutes of previous meeting: approved as written
- III. **Pastor's Report:**
36-38 people in person worship each week. Approximately 290 views online per week. Synod Assembly is 9/11/20-9/12/20 virtually this year.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
A written Income and Expense Summary Report for July 2020 was submitted. Income of \$29,536.03, expense of \$27,409.59. MTD surplus \$2,126.49 and FYTD surplus of \$2,126.49 was presented. PPP loan update: waiting on clarity from government before preparing documents for forgiveness of loan. Applied for \$5,000 loan from the City of Massillon for businesses due to Covid-19. Not sure if we qualify yet.

Committee Reports:

Parish Fellowship – No report.

Property Management – Meeting on Thursday. Working on options for the blower in the sanctuary. Hepa filters will be \$600 twice a year, or UV system would be approximately \$3,000. Working on the installation of the new cameras.

Technology – No report.

Finance – No report.

Welfare and Social Action – \$150 and school supplies were collected for the Salvation Army back to school drive. No action for council required.

Scholarship Committee- 5 renewed applicants and 2 new applicants will receive \$720 each. Must be member of church to qualify. No action for council required.

Worship and Church Music – Sound with livestream service is better. Standardizing the fees to be paid for special music. Sunday Special Music Offering: \$75 Local Musician, \$125 Professional Musician and/or long distance travel, \$35 Vocalist helping with congregational singing in the absence of the choir during pandemic. \$35 Section leader for choir – Wednesday night practice and Sunday anthem with choir. In addition: \$150 Bench fee for substitute organist. Brass and Strings Ensembles – Groups establish their own fee. Submit for approval ahead of offering. No action for council required.

Youth and Parish Education – No report.

Stewardship/Evangelism- The Welcome Area table will now have bags with mugs. Deidra is looking for someone to highlight on the church's website. They want to put a tv in the corner with the church's information on it. No action for council required.

V. Unfinished Business –

There was a Zoom Townhall meeting was on Sunday to discuss the letter that was sent to the congregation regarding the updated marriage policy. There were 14 logged-in in addition to the pastor and his wife. There has also been positive feedback outside of the meeting. There is another Zoom Townhall meeting tomorrow evening.

End of the year committee reports are due ASAP to Anna.

The nominating committee needs candidates as well as the Synod Assembly needs nominees for next year.

The mission endowment committee is putting in the bridge how to request funds.

Council Vacancy-Referring to C12.03 in the Constitution, Patty Long made a motion to accept Greg Klein to fill the vacated Council position that would have concluded in May of 2023. Dave Stoner seconded. Motion passed.

VI. New Business - None

VII. Correspondence – None

VIII. Next Meeting: September 8, 2020 at 6:30 via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes prepared by Tracie Schmolt, Secretary.