

St Paul's Church Council
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2023

Call to order: The regular meeting of the St. Paul's Church Council was called to order by President, Eric Myers at 7:00 pm.

A. Attendance:

Present:

Amy Burkett
Gary Collard
Dan Farrar (non-voting)
Don Gray
Greg Klein
Lea Lang
Scott Larson
Cindy Lash
Patty Long
Eric Myers
Tracie Schmolt
John Stanko
Carol Stoner

Staff Present: Pastor Mark Kreemer

Absent:

- I. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kreemer
- II. Read and approved December 13, 2022 minutes: Don Gray made a motion to approve as written. Lea Lang seconded. Motion passed.
- III. **Pastor's Report:**
Massillon Clergy Association are doing the 5 Wednesday Lent Services. Soup at 5:30 pm, service at 6:30 pm. Bible Study "Forgiving what you can't forget" starts Thursday. He is contracted by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to do funerals and their hospital visits while they look for a minister. Thank you to Lynn Williamson for preaching on Sunday, January 8th.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**
December preliminary report: Income: \$46k Expense: \$31k. There were a couple of large donations in December, which we were told they won't be giving again in 2023. No action for Council.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism- No report.

Mission Endowment- No report.

Parish Fellowship –No report.

Property Management – No action for Council.

Technology –No report.

Finance – Written report submitted. No action for Council.

Welfare and Social Action – No report.

Scholarship Committee- Working on getting approvals from the committee. No action for Council.

Worship and Church Music – No meeting last month. No report.

Youth/Adult Parish Ed- No report.

V. Unfinished Business – None

New Business – A Taskforce lead by Patty Long, will convene on Saturday, January 14th for 3 Saturdays to discuss the Capital Campaign. We'll begin our time together in Classroom #2 and then make our way around the St. Paul's Church campus to identify areas of need related to maintenance, reconstruction, and new construction. The goal then, supported by Pastor Mark and Church Council, is to ultimately use this information and prioritization in whole or part to help sustain and expand areas of ministry at St. Paul's.

Before Saturday's meeting, they are encouraged to consider their particular area of ministry and experience and think about specific needs that ought to be addressed to sustain the present ministry and promote the future ministry. Please be sure that this first meeting will be one where broad input is especially desired. We'll carefully listen to one another and gather as much information as possible in the time allotted.

Suggestions will be provided for future meetings as well so that we might move forward with our work and arrive at our recommendations, which will then be presented to council for its consideration. It is hoped we might be able to categorize the campus needs we identify into three areas:

1. Those needs that should have been addressed "yesterday" but have not been and need near immediate attention. (To neglect these needs could halt or greatly hamper ministry in particular areas.)
2. Those needs that should be addressed in the near future in order for us to sustain the ministries presently offered. (These do not constitute an emergency, yet ought not be neglected.)
3. Those needs that should be addressed so ministry might be expanded and ultimately position St. Paul's well for its future as a vibrant faith community.

There was a motion made by Gary Collard for a resolution in support of the and to authorize the Task Force in regards to the capital campaign. Greg Klein seconded. Motion passed.

The nominating committee will be looking for people to fill the vacancies opening up on Council, the nominating committee, the endowment committee, and the Synod Assembly.

VI. Correspondence – None

VII. Next Meeting: February 14, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes prepared by Tracie Schmolt, Secretary.