

St Paul's Church Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2023

Call to order: The regular meeting of the St. Paul's Church Council was called to order by Vice President, Patty Long at 7:02 pm.

A. Attendance:

**Present:**

Gary Collard  
Dan Farrar (non-voting)  
Don Gray  
Greg Klein  
Cindy Lash  
Patty Long  
Tracie Schmolt  
John Stanko

**Staff Present:** Pastor Mark Kreemer

**Absent:**

Amy Burkett  
Lea Lang  
Scott Larson  
Eric Myers  
Carol Stoner

- I. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kreemer
- II. Read and approved January 10, 2023 minutes: Don Gray made a motion to approve as written. Gary Collard seconded. Motion passed.
- III. **Pastor's Report:**  
Leona Corban requested a member transfer. She is now living with her daughter. Massillon Clergy Association holding the Wednesday Lenten services. St Paul's will host on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Soup at 5:30, service at 6:30. The offering will be given to Make-A-Way. The Luke Bible study starts next week. The confirmation class has 4 kids, 1 from Holy Trinity. The copier lease is up at the end of September. There are 3 quotes, and the Finance committee will look at them at their meeting next week and decide on which to use. The Synod is going to have a summit in Massillon. There are 5 Lutheran churches in a 5-mile radius. The summit will work on cooperative ministries in the areas. 4 of the 5 churches do not have a full-time pastor.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:**  
January preliminary report: Income: \$24,841 Expense: \$27,371. MTD surplus: 2,529, FYTD Surplus \$17,005

**Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism-** No report.

**Mission Endowment-** No report.

**Parish Fellowship** –No report.

**Property Management** – The boiler in the Education building has been repaired and the heat has been restored. The men’s room for the clothes closet still needs to be repaired. They are trying to get a quote for the plaster repair in the Sanctuary. No action for Council.

**Technology** –No report.

**Finance** – Written report submitted. No action for Council.

**Welfare and Social Action** – Sent a van to the Turkish American Society in Hudson full of clothes to send to Turkey to help the earthquake victims. Working on Easter bags for the homebound members. The Community meal on Friday had 88 dinners served.

**Scholarship Committee**-7 people received scholarships in January.

**Worship and Church Music** – Piano concert on Sunday. Organ concert in March, the organist is from France.

**Youth/Adult Parish Ed**- Working on Vacation Bible school for this year.

**V. Unfinished Business –**

A written report was submitted by Patty Long on behalf of the task force. Many recommendations on improvements to the current church structures were submitted. A capital campaign needs to be organized and started soon to provide funds for the building project that was voted on by the congregation in September. Funds will also need to be raised for the major repairs that need to be made. The boiler in the sanctuary is 31 years old. There are no fire alarms or monitoring systems in any of the buildings. None of the bathrooms are ADA-compliant. We need to be able to define what the capital campaign is for. Patty Long will put the information from the task force into the Bridge.

Nominating Committee members are contacting people to fulfill Council and Mission Endowment positions.

**New Business – None**

**VI. Correspondence – None**

Motion to Adjourn by Don Gray, seconded by Greg Klein.

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

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Minutes prepared by Tracie Schmolt, Secretary.