St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Attendees: Donna Felch, Margaret Hand, Tom Splittgerber, Michelle Bohm, Jeff Berg, Mark Sbrocco, Stefanie Trakel, Brad TenPas, John Rische & Pr Kyle Backhaus
Excused: Jane Marotz
Guest: Nicole Dollevoet

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		President Margaret Hand called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.	
Opening Prayer		Pr Kyle opened with a devotion and prayer.	
Youth & Family Ministry Update	Nicole Dollevoet reported that Confirmation has been in person since September. Attendance varies tremendously from week-to-week as kids become quarantined, but we've managed to keep the program going. All retreats have been moved to one day events and we are beginning to plan for Confirmation in May, which will be similar to how it was held last August. FISH is on hold for this year, but we hope to restart next year. Youth Group continues to meet on Sunday evenings, with 25-35 attending weekly. The Youth Mission Trip is moving forward with their trip to Nashville in June. The team has served and gathered several times this year in preparation. Fundraisers are in full swing, just modified. All Faith Path events have been moved virtual this year. There is definitely a decrease in usage of the Faith@Home Center as foot traffic in the building has decreased. Nicole leads the Parish Pros for the South Wisconsin District. She has also been asked to be the District Coordinator for the LCMS National Youth Gathering in July 2022.	The Council thanked Nicole for all her efforts and they are very proud of her for representing the District for the National Youth Gathering.	

January Secretary Report		A motion was made by Michelle Bohm to approved the January Secretary's Report. Jeff Berg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
January Treasurer Report	A detailed review of the Dedicated Accounts was presented by Stefanie Trakel. Discussion was held about investment options in terms to the questions raised at the January Congregation Meeting. Donna has done follow up, including discussions with other church Treasurer's and Synod recommendations. It is important to not gamble with the church's money, it is different than an Endowment Fund.	A motion was made by Jeff Berg to approve the January Treasurer Report. Margaret Hand seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A policy will be put together regarding how church cash will be invested. Additional investment options will be investigated and reported back at the March Church Council Meeting, along with the new policy.	Donna Felch & Stefanie Trakel
Nominating Team Update	Donna Felch reported that the team met and is working through their list of candidates. Margaret will be stepping down from the President position. Vice President Tom Splittgerber will run for this position. Jeff Berg has agreed to run for the Vice President position if Tom Splittgerber vacates it. Brad TenPas and Jane Marotz have decided to not run for another term. There are 3 member-at-large positions to fill.		
Elder Team Update	• The Elders assisted in reviewing the seminary students • The marketing effort to build up small groups will begin shortly. Discussion was held. • After Easter we will begin putting a sign up sheet in the gathering area for people to record their attendance for worship, if they didn't sign up online. Online sign up will also remain an option. Capacity isn't an issue except for holidays and this will hopefully make it easier for people to attend.	The online sign up will be modified to include the fields that are currently in our burgundy sign in sheets.	Stefanie Trakel
Call Team Update	The Call Documents for two seminary students were mailed out today. We will find out on Call Day if we will extend a Call to one of those individuals.		
Senior Pastor Report	Pastor Kyle reported: • 11 couples are currently seeking marriage counseling for 2021-22		

	• Baptisms & funerals continue • A lot of preparation is going into our upcoming Lent Services • Morning Meditations was recorded this past month • Shut In Calls continue • Pr Kyle & Tessa will likely attend the March 17-19 PLI Training virtually. • The Synod Convention will be pushed back to 2023. We have been told to plan to budget double for our assessment, as many additional costs occurred due to pushing back the Convention. • Pastor Peter Pietsch was re-elected as or circuit representative for another 3 years.		
Walk In Items	Vicky Bramstedt will be retiring after 23 years of service. Her position has been reworked, pushing all of her IT responsibilities to Pros4Tech. The focus of the position will be Media & Public Relations, as a part time position.		
Adjournment	The Church Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm.	A motion was made by John Rische to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Seconded by Donna Felch. Motion carried unanimously.	
Closing Prayer		Mark Sbrocco closed in prayer.	