

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes**

July 19, 2023

Attendees: Jeff Berg, John Rische, Bob Mehre, Michelle Zuengler, Donna Felch, Jim Weber, Pr Kyle Backhaus, Mark Buffington, Stefanie Trakel & Chad Berke

Excused: Tom Splittgerber

Guest/s:

Topic	Discussion	Action	Responsible Party
Call to Order		Vice President Jeff Berg called the meeting to order at 6 pm.	
Opening Prayer		Pr Kyle Backhaus opened with prayer.	
TGP Ministry Update	<p>Director Leah Zehel submitted her report in advance.</p> <p>Census is full with waiting lists. We need more volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays in order to add participants. Memory Matters has grown and is going well.</p> <p>Leah has been asked to serve in a training roll for the community for the county's Dementia Crisis Task Force.</p> <p>The Brat Fry & Car Show planning is going well. The Soup Cook off fundraiser in March was our most profitable so far.</p>		
June Secretary Report		A motion was made by Jim Weber to approve the June Secretary Report. Chad Berke seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
June Fiscal Year End Treasurer Report	We ended the year with a \$58,533 surplus. This has been transferred to the Ministry Development Dedicated account. Fiscal Year End comparisons were reviewed.	A motion was made by Mark Buffington to approve the June Treasurer Report. Michelle Zuengler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
2023-24 Home Missions	Stefanie Trakel and Donna Felch met with both Pastors to discuss Home Missions support for the new year. A proposal was shared with Council.	A motion was made by Mark Buffington to approve the Home Mission support as presented. Michelle Zuengler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	

2023-24 Mission Partner Scrip	Stefanie Trakel and Donna Felch met with both Pastors to discuss Mission Partner Scrip support for the new year. A proposal was shared with Council.	A motion was made by Chad Berke to approve the Mission Partner Scrip support as presented. Michelle Zuengler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
2023-24 Housing	Nicole Dollevoet, Pr Kyle and Pr Rob all receive housing allowances, which were presented to Council.	A motion was made by Jeff Berg to approve the Housing Allowances as presented. Jim Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Blacktop Project		A motion was made by Jeff Berg via email on 6/21/23 to approve an additional \$10,718 for the blacktop project to include additional spillways, landscaping and striping. Tom Splittgerber seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Policy #61 – Electronic Communication with Minors	This policy has been recommended by our insurance company. Discussion was held, no changes noted.	A motion was made by Bob Mehre to approve policy #61 as presented. Michelle Zuengler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.	
Senior Pastor Update	<p>Pr Kyle shared attendance numbers for the past 5 years. Member has decreased as we've implemented the inactive member policy. Attendance has been increasing, currently averaging 27.7% of membership. National average is currently 15-18%. This does not account for the 100-140 views we average online.</p> <p>The quarterly membership report was also shared.</p> <p>Every six months the elders will be reviewing individuals that have suddenly stopped attending worship and will follow up with them.</p> <p>There are 126 inactive members that have come up for this year, Pr Kyle is working on contacting them all now.</p>	Stefanie will put together a comparison of attendance versus giving for the September meeting.	Stefanie Trakel
Book Study	Pr Kyle & Council held discussion on the book Joining Jesus on His Mission.	Discussion will be held at our September 25 meeting on chapters 11 & 12. Pr Kyle will send discussion questions in advance.	Pr Kyle.
Mission, Vision & Values Discussion	Mission tells us what we do, it is open-ended. Values tell us how to behave and what is important to us. Vision is where we are going and what long-term impact we want to have. This is our dream. Goals are how we put our values in to action to achieve our	Council members are asked to come up with one sentence, what is our 20 year headline? This will be discussed at the September Council Meeting.	Church Council

	mission and to take a step towards the dream. Discussion was held.		
Adjournment	The next Church Council Meeting will be August 15 at 5:30 pm.	A motion was made by Bob Mehre to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Seconded by Jim Weber. Motion carried unanimously.	
Closing Prayer		John closed in prayer.	