

Minutes for Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Fierle

PRESENT: Pastor Steve Biegner, Janell Andersen, Scott Fierle, Nicholas Hazlett, Debbie Howe, Sue Renken-Mintzer, David Schunak, Barb Walter

ABSENT: Cheryl Gillen, Vern Stein

DEVOTIONS: Psalm 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord. We prayed to keep our eyes on God during this time of frightening news.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Barb motioned to approve the February 11 minutes with one corrected statement from the treasurer's report. Nick seconded, and the council unanimously approved them.

NOTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Pastor has talked with two groups who have been meeting at St. Paul's: ECO (Eggertsville Community Organization) is disbanding after twenty years. NAMI is putting together a proposal to move their meetings to Crossroads. That will help them connect to the Family Support Center.

Pastor Steve will follow up on reserving two tables for the luncheon where Magi Award is presented.

TREASURER REPORT:

Bill Niblock was not present. Attendance was up ½% this month.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor reported on what he learned at the Anchor Church Training in California. He will put together a Vision Team by mid-April and take the congregation through a six-month process of defining our culture. That Vision Team can then create a strategic plan so that future decisions about building and programming will be informed by our vision. We will figure out more about who we are and may have the chance to be an Anchor Church who guides another congregation through that process.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council felt we could move ahead with the renovation of the choir room/library area because it is a "dead end" and unlikely to be linked to other projects. Sue moved and Scott seconded that we spend up to \$10,000 on the renovations. \$5000 comes from a designated gift and the remaining amount would come from the Memorial Fund. Council approved the renovation budget unanimously.

Mission for Financial Peace University will offer a 9-week class at St. Paul's on budgeting, paying off debt, planning for the future and generosity. Nick made the motion; Barb seconded; the council approved it unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick presented new estimates from Life Safety Integrated Systems that will allow entry using key fobs or phones. We discussed a cloud-based vs. an onsite system. Nick will check

on what the backup is during a power outage. The system would be expandable if he needed to add locks another door such as an office or the kitchen. The estimate for the cloud-based system was \$4,054 for 150 key fobs which is double what we would need; we anticipate the price being under \$3500. Last year the congregation approved up to \$30,000 for the wiring and security changes at St. Paul's. \$20,000 has been spent and the remaining \$10,000 should cover the locking system and Face Book Live. Debbie motioned to approve the cloud-based estimate with money coming from Building Reserve if necessary. Barb seconded. The council approved this motion unanimously.

David Schunak will push for the FaceBook Live capabilities to be completed soon; this is important timing especially anticipating limited gatherings because of the coronavirus outbreak.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Barb motioned to adjourn. Nick seconded.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, April 14, 2020

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, May 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Regan Howe