

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Eggertsville
Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. on October 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Fierle

PRESENT: Pastor Steve Biegner, Janell Andersen, Scott Fierle, Cheryl Gillen, Nicholas Hazlett, Debbie Howe, Sue Renken-Mintzer, David Schunak, Barb Walter
EXCUSED: Bill Niblock, Vern Stein

DEVOTIONS: Be kind to ourselves while we deal with stressors so that we can nourish and enrich ourselves and be fully present for those who need us. Baptism is our foundation by which to measure stressors.

MINUTES OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Scott moved to approve council minutes from September 15. Barb seconded and the council approved unanimously.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS: Pastor Steve and Pastor Jeremiah have compiled correspondence that they will share at the Congregational Meeting.

In order to have our own URL on YouTube and Facebook, TV Church has been named WNY Church Unleashed.

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

Scott Fierle will resend notes and report. Bill is currently working on the budget process. At this time, Bill is willing to stay on as Treasurer (yay!).

PASTOR REPORT:

Now until the end of 2020 will be very busy. The television station is working with us on a holiday needs drive. They will do a three-week marketing telethon and will have on-site collection of food, money, and gift cards for FeedMore and Daily Bread Food Truck on December 6 from 10:00 – 4:00. Angel Tree will be collecting gift cards rather than items this year.

We will be celebrating Advent on the front lawn this year. Christmas Eve will feature a 4:00 pm. indoor service, a 5:00 p.m. WNY Church Unleashed service on T, a 7:00 p.m. service indoors, and an 8:00 Outdoor service on the front lawn (Scripture, prayer, lighting candles, putting the Christ Child in the manger, singing Silent Night). We will open reservations after Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our Annual Meeting will be held at 10:45 both live in the Parish Hall on Zoom with Pastor Steve, Debbie, and Scott monitoring it. The purpose of the annual meeting is twofold: (1) We will be voting on new council member. Sue Epstein, Robert Simpson, and David Schunak have agreed to run for the three open slots. We will also be taking nominations from the floor. (2) We will present the Annual Report. When we are presenting the Annual Report, it will be important to explain the current status of Main Street Ministries. It will also be good to describe choices made during Covid (more frequent Council meetings, May meeting taking place in October).

We will vote on the Nominating Committee and the 2021 Budget at the December Congregational Meeting. Wendy Fortune will be generating a list of names for the Nominating Committee. Mimi Fierle will chair this committee in 2021.

Confirmation will be streamed live for family members this Sunday. Pastor and the confirmands will have mics so that they will be heard.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are currently getting RSVP's in the low 40s for in-person services at St. Paul's. When we start getting RSVP's in the 60s and 70s, we may ask some "Frequent Flyers" to attend every other week. We do not need two services at this time.

The original technology plan for our church had one centered camera. Our experience with TV church makes us aware that we need a second camera for close-up shots because they give the service a more personal feel. David and Pastor Steve will discuss these plans in more detail.

The teacher who requested space for a pupil pod has not yet decided to rent.

MOTION TO ADOURN: Barb motioned to adjourn and Debbie seconded.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted, Deborah R. Howe, Recording Secretary

Scott Fierle (2014-2017, 2017-2020)
Barb Walter (2014-2017, 2017-2020)
David Schunak (2017-2020)

Cheryl Gillen (2018-2021)
Sue Renken-Mintzer (2018-2021)
Vern Stein (2018-2021)

Janell Andersen (2016-2019, 2019-2022)
Nicholas Hazlett (2016-2019, 2019-2022)
Debbie Howe (2015 for Ruth Lampe, 2016-2019, 2019-2022)