

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Eggertsville
Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. on September 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Scott Fierle

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

DEVOTIONS: We prayed for those sick and recovering.

MINUTES OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Scott moved to approve council minutes from August 25. Barb seconded and the council approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

- Our understanding is still that the PPP loan will be forgiven.
- Congregation has kept up its commitments, and we have controlled our expenses. We haven't started putting funds into Church Reserves. We are also spending less on cleaning and maintenance.
- Our records for attendance in 2020 are guesses, and the record should note that.
- We have not been able to retrieve papers and blank checks from the deceased bookkeeper's family.
- Our long-term investments have recovered completely.

PASTOR REPORT:

We brainstormed ways to fill gaps in children's experiences (Halloween) and the Christmas season.

We have had 25 baptisms in the past six months. Before that, we had 25 baptisms in the past four years!

NEW BUSINESS:

We are maintaining TV services, and re-starting weekly in-person services. We are able to seat 45 for in-person services. The office is now putting together TV bulletins and in-person bulletin. As we come back to worshipping in person, we do not to leave the online community behind. We are currently fine with one in-person service. If we start having 55+ RSVP, we will need to consider a second service. It is still a week-by-week process.

We did not have the Congregational May Meeting although we sent out the Annual Report. Scott motioned that we hold that postponed Congregational Meeting in October (date to be determined) to handle elections. We would then have our regular Congregational December meeting for the budget. Barb seconded and the council approved unanimously. The meetings will be held over Zoom. In the announcements for the upcoming meetings, missionaries will be able to respond if they wish to attend but cannot meet over Zoom.

Pastor Kwame and members of Crossroads Church Council (Mary, Mark) met with Pastor Steve and Scott to discuss our futures. Scott motioned that upon their recommendation, we will dissolve the partnership as of October 1st." Cheryl seconded and the council agreed unanimously. We wish to celebrate all of the great work and connections we made over the past four years and

the launch of their City of Good Neighbors mission. We want them to know we would be happy to support any new missions and work together in the future. We are grateful that they have a two-year contract with the Amherst Family Support Center. Main Street Ministries will also continue to exist as a way to share church work together. Pastor Steve will write about this in the October newsletter.

Bill is resigning as treasurer. He graciously offered to continue working with us until we find that replacement.

OLD BUSINESS:

We are renting to one teacher who has a small pupil pod.

David and John Schnack will install wiring for livestreaming in the sanctuary.

We discussed the choir room renovation but do not feel we need to move forward with that at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Debbie motioned to adjourn and Janell seconded.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, October 13, 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)