

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Eggertsville
Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. on June 8, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Debbie Howe

PRESENT: Janell Andersen, Sue Epstein, Kathryn Francis, Matt Fricano, Nicholas Hazlett, Gerri Horton, Debbie Howe, Bill Niblock, David Schunak, Bobby Simpson

ABSENT: Pastor Steve Biegner

DEVOTIONS: Debbie led to check-ins about the world opening up and about our work on council.

MINUTES OF RECORDING SECRETARY: Content of May 11 minutes were approved. Debbie will add attendance and formally structure them.

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

Bill explained changes to payroll and Paid Family Life premium. National Grid turned off the parking lot "street" light, saving us \$1000/year.

We reviewed the Finance Committees plan for addressing weak envelope giving. Debbie will speak to them about doing more now. Specifically, (1) sending a letter and giving a temple talk this month; and (2) Streamlining the online giving.

PASTOR REPORT:

- The council feels strongly that we cannot make decisions about the Olin House or other renovations without have a needs assessment over the summer. We would want that analysis to include:
 - What are the needs for a kitchen (congregation, tenants, DBFT, other)?
 - How do the needs for the kitchen and other spaces connect to our mission and vision?
 - What are the possible uses for the Olin House?
 - What possible income could the Olin House bring?
 - What are the costs of renovating the Olin House kitchen? of adding a smaller kitchen area in the Parish Hall?
 - Do the costs of renovation belong to St. Paul's or WNY Impact?
- Kathryn Francis is typing up a specific list of questions about the rental contract agreement with the Haitian congregation. Pastor may have met with them today to sign a 3-month contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The following people have agreed to a leadership position starting in September: Kathryn Francis, President; David Schunak, Vice President, and Gerri Horton, Secretary. We did not yet have a formal vote.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: David moved to adjourn, Sue seconded.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Social Gathering mid-summer and strategic-planning retreat in September TBD.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Howe, Council President