

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Eggertsville
Church Council Meeting
6:45 pm on May 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Debbie Howe

PRESENT: Janell Andersen, Pastor Steve Biegner, Sue Epstein, Kathryn Francis, Matt Fricano, Nicholas Hazlett, Gerri Horton, Debbie Howe, Bill Niblock, Susan Renken-Mintzer, David Schunak, Bobby Simpson, Vern Stein

ABSENT: Cheryl Gillen

DEVOTIONS: Steve invited everyone to tell about a journey that made them nervous.

MINUTES OF RECORDING SECRETARY: April 13 minutes were approved. Nick motioned. Janell seconded.

TREASURER'S UPDATE:

- Envelope giving is lagging behind but we are still in the black
- Finance Team will be addressing this issue with a plan of attack for reaching out to prior givers.
- Bill outlined the plan to reach out to the congregation.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Talked through Haiti Church possibilities – everyone was in favor of moving forward but we need more details. We will get a small group of people to get together with them to flush out details.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Deb reviewed the work done during the pandemic year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Check in with the new spaces – choir room looks great.
- Steve reviewed new space on ground floor. We will do a blessing for the space when it's complete.
- Deb reviewed guidelines and asked you to read stuff ahead of time and bring your own coffee and snacks.
- Olin House reflections – we're going to wait until June to think this through of how the space can be used the best.
- Constitution – Motion to Nominate Sarah Gallagher, Sharon Hoffman, David Schunak and prior team start to take a look at updating the Constitution to:
 - o Update ELCA Constitution guidelines
 - o Make sure our Constitution matches our future vision
 - o And address financial updates from 2021 Annual Meeting that was tabled
 - o Seconded, approved

- Deb talked through leadership positions on Council and defined the positions
- Deb reviewed three things to think through:
 - o Olin House uses
 - o Haitian Congregation
 - o Leadership roles on Council
- Motion to approve Janelle Wiesnewski at Financial Secretary – seconded (Janelle), approved.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Gerri motioned, Matt seconded.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Steve Biegner and Deborah Howe