

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**68 Eagle Street**  
**Williamsville, NY**  
**Council Minutes**  
**Date: October 13, 2008**

IN ATTENDANCE (P-Present; A-Absent; E-Excused; L-Arrived Late; S-Sick)

P - Pr. Wendy Buckley  
P - Pr. Tim Madsen  
P - Ken Keipper  
P - David Johnston  
E – Annette Schlosser  
P - Emily Friedrich  
E - Shawndra Langlotz  
P - Lynne Fiddler  
P - Andrea Sagerman  
P – Kim Retallack  
P - Nancy Noble  
E - Lois Gibbons  
P – Lynn Somma  
P – Andy Fitch  
P – Bob Cocol

OPENING DEVOTION

Pastor Tim led the Council in an opening prayer.

AGENDA

Ken mentioned that the time on the agenda was incorrect and to disregard. Ken asked if there were any additions or corrections to the prepared agenda. David asked that the Altar Renovation vote be tabled until November. There were no additional changes to the published agenda. **A motion to adopt the amended agenda was approved.**

PRESENTATION BY PASTOR RAY FITCH

Pastor Ray Fitch is a Planned Giving Consultant. He explained the concept of planned giving and how anyone can give a gift to their Church. He went on to explain how gifts can be structured and planned for the future. He asked the Council to review the materials he handed out and to discuss whether the Council would like him come and give a presentation to the Congregation. Ken thanked Ray for the presentation and mentioned this would be added to next months agenda for discussion.

MINUTES

Ken asked if there were any corrections or comments regarding the September minutes. **A motion to adopt the minutes of the September 8, 2008 Council meeting, was approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Continued use of Church Windows software*  
Tabled until the November meeting

## *2. Altar Renovation Project*

David mentioned that in his haste to get the organ improvements information to the Council, he did not allow enough time for the committee to review the information, therefore he is asking that the organ portion be tabled until at least next month. A discussion took place regarding the project. Location and placement of various furniture pieces was discussed. The question was asked if anyone in the Congregation would be upset if it was decided to do away with Altar rail Communion all together. If there would be no objection, the altar rail concept could be eliminated from the project. It was suggested that Intinction only be tried for a couple of months to see if anyone complains. It was suggested that the project could be brought before the Congregation in February or March for their approval. Work could then begin after Easter. This topic will be tabled until the committee holds its final review and makes a recommendation to the Council.

## *3. Christmas Season Worship Schedule*

Pastor Wendy mentioned that members they talked to felt that a 3:00 service on Christmas Eve would be too early. A discussion took place regarding the issue. It was decided that a 4:00pm and a 6:00pm service would be workable. It was further decided that Communion be given at the 4:00 service. The Council was in agreement with this schedule.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### *1. North Park Mission Partnership*

Pastor Tim mentioned that the young people from North Park are planning a Halloween party for the neighborhood youth. They have also invited the youth from St. Paul's. On November 18<sup>th</sup> North Park will be having a craft sale and silent auction from 11am to 4pm. St. Paul's members and friends are encouraged to attend. Any help would be greatly appreciated. The Fall Conference will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It is possible that a discussion will take place regarding our partnership with North Park. St. Paul's has extended an invitation to North Park members to join us for Thanksgiving service. North Park has invited St. Paul's to join them December 10<sup>th</sup> for a joint Advent worship.

### *2. Generational Change Impact*

Nothing new to report this month.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *1. September Treasurer's Report*

See Written Reports. Ken mentioned that the current month deficit is \$4493.00. The current year to date deficit is \$25,422.83. This is \$6000.00 higher than previously thought. The North Park money had been added into the past reports which totaled \$6000.00. A discussion took place regarding the current deficit and possible reasons. It was decided that a notice will be put in the next newsletter to advise the members of the situation. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.**

### *2. Kathy Lambert Request for LCLC Support*

Ken read a letter from Kathy which stated that Eric has attended LCLC camp the past three years. The letter is requesting financial support from St. Paul's. A brief discussion took place. It was agreed that in the past St. Paul's provided \$100.00 per child for financial support when requested. Therefore it was agreed that \$100.00 would be provided to the Lambert family. **A motion was made, seconded and**

**approved to provide \$100.00 to the Lambert family for financial support for Eric who attended LCLC camp the past three summers. The money will be taken from the Endowment Fund donation for LCLC campership.**

### *3. Nominating Committee*

Pastor Wendy mentioned that Emily Friedrich is not eligible to be nominated again. Lynn Somma, Bob Cocol and Lynne Fiddler are all eligible to be nominated for a second three year term. All three declined to be nominated again. Lois Gibbons is resigning from the current term which expires in 2011. Therefore the Council will need five (5) new members for the coming year. On the Endowment committee, Dick Atkins is eligible to serve a second three year term. Tracie Knauer is not eligible for another term, therefore a minimum of one new nomination will be needed for the Endowment committee. Those members leaving the Council will make up the nominating committee along with Pastor Wendy.

### *4. 2009 Budget Requests*

Ken asked that committee chairs review their current budgets and submit requests for next year by the middle of November.

### PASTORS' REPORT – Pastor Wendy & Pastor Tim

(See written Report) Pastor Tim mentioned that the Pastor's report is self explanatory. The Council was asked to approve the Confirmation of Alexa Hutchinson that is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>. **A motion was made, seconded and approved for the Confirmation of Alexa Hutchinson on October 26<sup>th</sup>.** Pastor Tim mentioned that Andy Fitch has had a good first month working on a number of things at St. Paul's and at North Park. There are tickets available for the BLES luncheon to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>. See Pastor Tim if you are interested. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Pastors Report.**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Buildings and Grounds – David Johnston

David mentioned that the "Knox Box" has been delivered and will be installed soon. The fire alarm system was tested in September and the system is okay. Mike Hehr has sealed the windows and painted the fire escape. A new contractor has been hired to install the sidewalk outside the foyer entrance. The work should be done soon.

#### Christian Education – Shawndra Langlotz

Shawndra was unable to attend the meeting, however Nancy mentioned that Sunday School attendance has been good each week. December 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Christmas pageant. The children will be saving money collected to purchase animals through the "Animal Crackers" program.

#### Finance / Treasurer–Lynn Somma

No Report

#### Mission – Lynne Fiddler

Lynne mentioned that she has been beginning to collect things for the student care packages which will be sent out shortly.

Social Ministry – Nancy Noble

Nancy mentioned that the Spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> following the second service there will be a reception for the Confirmand Alexa Hutchinson. Nancy has been trying to get a hold of School 36 for the annual Christmas package distribution. This will be the last year since they have plenty of support from other organizations. St. Paul's will look for another needy school to support next year.

Stewardship – Lois Gibbons

Pastor Wendy mentioned that Stewardship Sunday will be November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Worship and Music – Emily Friedrich

Emily mentioned that the Handbell bank account has been closed. The funds have been put into a budget line with the Church account. The Junior Choir account will remain open for the time being.

Youth – Andrea Sagerman / Kim Retallack

Pastor Wendy mentioned that there are three or four young people that are interested in attending the convention in New Orleans. The event is being held in July 2009.

**A motion to accept the Committee reports was approved.**

A motion to adjourn was approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next scheduled Council meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Council Secretary