

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May11, 2020 (via audio conference)

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2020 St. Paul's Board of Directors:

Present: Zac Huffman, Bernice Prescott, Cyndie Dixon, Rick Wood, Jen Houck, Diane Segelhorst, Pastor Dave

Not Present: Tom Cook

The meeting was called to order at 5:31p.m.

Pastor Dave offered the opening prayer from Psalm 131.

The minutes from the May 4, 2020 BoD meeting were approved with one edit concerning the voting requirements. The minutes from the May 6 BoD meeting were approved as presented.

Open Items from May 4 Meeting:

1. Lower level flooring replacement has been completed. Del and Patrice have expressed concern that the finished flooring does not match what they envisioned; they thought it appears to have more of a gray appearance, rather than the brown they had planned. The color was as selected but appeared different because of the small sample piece available. They have requested BoD comments on the outcome. Several BoD members have seen the new flooring and are satisfied with it. Zac will report that to Del and Patrice.
2. Rick Wood has been installing the new sign panels, which are now operational, and will proceed with the light box for the top. The sign is now displaying information about the on-line services as well as Luther's rose.
3. Rick Wood continues working on the live streaming functionality, which has been a lesser priority than completing the sign.
4. St. Paul's application for funding under Cares Act - SBA Payroll Protection Plan has been approved in the amount of \$13,936, and the funds are in the bank account. Thanks expressed to Zac Huffman and Charlotte Angeli for their excellent work on the application.
5. Member/Voting Member directory has been completed, and every effort will be made to keep it updated. It can be published to the website, in the members-only section.
6. The outreach food drive to benefit the LifeBridge members was a great success. A large variety of food, as well as cash and gift cards, were received. Pastor Juan was overwhelmed; he and some members handled the packing and distribution to the ten families in need. The Boy Scouts guided by Jon Retzer helped by directing

traffic and unloading vehicles; they also canvassed for food in advance. Due to the success, this activity will probably be repeated as needed.

Current Agenda Items:

1. Review of pending constitution amendment procedures: A note was sent to all voting members late on May 6, informing them of the proposed constitutional amendment to change the voting requirements for pastoral calls only, to a 50% quorum requirement and a 2/3 majority affirmative vote. Voting must be completed by May 20. Discussion followed as to how to accommodate voting since an on-site meeting cannot be held and there would likely be too many attendees to conduct an effective Zoom meeting. Since the constitution requires the affirmative vote of 75% of voters "present at the meeting," discussed that those who vote will be deemed to have been present at the meeting. Discussed using an electronic ballot, with paper ballots delivered to persons who do not have email. There is sufficient time to mail ballots as needed. If the amendment is not approved, we will follow the current requirements for the pastoral call vote.
2. Review pending pastoral call procedures: A second Zoom Q&A meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020. Zac has not yet seen any additional questions. The call service will be held on Friday evening, May 22, at 7:00 p.m., from the church via Zoom. The service will be led by Pastor Maack. The Call Committee will make a presentation recommending that the call be issued, followed by Scripture readings and prayers. Ballots are to be returned to the church on Saturday, May 23, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Provisions will be made for persons who are unable to come to the church, and that will be noted when the ballots are sent to the voting members. Zac will take the ballots to Pastor Maack who will count them and return the results to Zac, who will notify the congregation.
3. Discussion of options for a June newsletter: BoD discussed the importance of keeping congregants connected to the church and aware of all that is happening even in the absence of on-site services. BoD agreed to begin re-issuing monthly newsletters, beginning for the month of June. Newsletters will include committee information, activities, managing during this period, BoD activities, the Cares Act grant and how St. Paul's is continuing to be a church, outside the walls. Cyndie Dixon volunteered to collect materials from committees, BoD, and other groups.
4. Zac announced that we have adopted Zoom as our communication platform. We have established a free account, which allows for meetings of 40 minutes at a time for up to 100 participants. He recommends we move to the Pro level, which allows 24 hour per day access and a main host plus nine others, and includes an audio component for non-internet use. The subscription cost is \$14.99 per month. The BoD approved this expenditure by consensus.
5. Compassion aid policy: A draft policy was sent to BoD just prior to this meeting. Members were asked to review it before the next meeting and send any comments, so revisions can be made prior to that time.
6. Service Views:

- March 29: 118
- April 1: 29
- April 5: 104
- May 10: 22, 25
- April 9: Maundy Thursday - 40
- April 10: Good Friday - 37
- April 12: Easter - 42
- April 19: 52
- April 26: 43, 44
- May 3: 31

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernice Prescott, Secretary