

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Board of Directors Minutes

May 17, 2023

2023 St. Paul's Board of Directors:

Zac Huffman, Bernice Prescott, Cyndie Dixon, Carol Cook, Judy Tribby,
Madonna Howard, Patrick Dugan

Present: Zac Huffman, Judy Tribby, Patrick Dugan

Call to Order - Opening Prayer

Discussion and approval of April 12, 2023 BoD meeting minutes - **Approved**

Treasurer's Report - April, 2023

April Budget Status: **96.71%** of goal

- Offerings YTD: \$58,562.09; under goal by **\$1,992.75**
- Expenses YTD: \$35,148.43; under budget **\$25,406.41**
- Overall YTD: all income minus expenses **\$23,413.66**
- 2023 budget: \$193,764.25; \$3,726.24/wk needed to meet budget

- Pr. Teklu memorial fund: \$2,300.00 (pending \$15,000.00, May, 2023)
- 5/3/23: Met with Tsion to discuss wishes for Teklu memorial
 - ~We will create the "Rev. Pr. Teklu Ketema Memorial Scholarship Fund"
 - ~Will support Ethiopia Mekane Yesus Seminary
- 5/16/23: Met with Glenn & Wendy, American Portfolios, to review investments
 - ~ Meeting planned for 6/7 to review recommendations

Pastor's Report

- 5/1/2023 Tina Jasion met with congregation for special meeting
 - ~"Vision Assessment" in preparation for pastoral Call process
- Pastoral emergency contact:
 - ~Pr. Matt Hilpert, Galilee Lutheran, Pasadena, MD
 - 808-347-2876 (M), 410-255-8236 (O)
 - m.hilpert@glcpasadena.org

- Supply pastors scheduled to date:
 - ~May 21: Pastor Brian Rosenkoetter
 - ~May 28: Pastor Jared Halche
 - ~June 4: Pastor Jon Diefenthaler
 - ~June 11: Pastor Brian Rosenkoetter
 - ~June 18: Pastor Jon Diefenthaler
 - ~June 25: Pastor Jon Diefenthaler

Open Items from Last Meeting

1. Church Mgmt. Software: IconCMO installed
 - Susan updating database
 - Master directory spreadsheet updated 4-25-23; posted to web - Member page
2. Church calendar needs improvement
 - Confirmed we do use Google calendar

Discussion on sending link to congregation to download; add to member website, fill in with meaningful events, e.g., VBS

Current Agenda Items

1. Strategic Plan: Strategic Vision Refresh, Focus on 2023 activities
 - Continue review with follow-up at 6/11/2023 Congregation Meeting
2. LCMS June 2023 Convention Voting
 - Submissions sent 2/24/2023
 - ~President - Patrick T. Ferry
 - ~First VP - Richard L. Snow
 - ~Southeast Regional VP - John R. Denninger
 - St. Paul's Lay Voter (Zac Huffman) registration completed 3/3/2023
 - Judy Tribby attending with Pr. Hilpert as Circuit 4 delegates

Convention July 29 - Aug 3, Milwaukee, WI

3. "Calling A Pastor" SED, LCMS Manual
 - 5/9/23: Met with Pr. Stephen Mentz, possible vacancy pastor, available 7/2/23
 - ~Covenant contract pending
 - To do:
 - ~ Update congregation profile
 - ~ Establish "Call Committee"
 - ~ Submit required documentation to SED
4. Streaming Video & Audio
 - Service streaming set up in nursery (no sound yet)
 - Issues with new switcher appear to be resolved
5. Education - Outreach - Worship Updates
 - Adult Forum topic discussion, led by Cyndie Dixon
 - ~ Book of Luke
 - VBS is a "GO", scheduled for July 23 - 27, 2023
 - ~Cyndie, Madonna, Bernice to lead
 - CCCC monthly specified food donations to continue
 - Shut-in care bags to continue

6. Pastor David Maack, 40th Anniversary of Ministry Celebration - June 4, 2023
- Recommend St. Paul's donation of \$100 - \$250 to Lutheran Mission Society
BOD approved \$250.00 donation to LMS.

7. St. Paul congregational statistics due to LCMS April 28, 2023
- Successfully submitted April 26,2023

8. Folk Scholarship presentation scheduled for Sunday, August 6

9. Next BoD meeting: Wednesday July 12, 2023, 5:30 pm

10. Service Views 2023 - 2nd Quarter:

1st Q Avg: 85 total (49 in person, 36 live stream)

April Avg: 70 total (52 in person, 18 live stream)

Sunday Services:

April 2 - Palm Sunday	9:30 am	79 total (55 in person, 24 live stream)
April 6 - Maundy Thur	7:00 pm	27 total (18 in person, 9 live stream)
April 7 - Good Friday	7:00 pm	40 total (24 in person, 16 live stream)
April 9 - Easter	9:30 am	145 total (111 in person, 34 live stream)
April 16	9:30 am	74 total (50 in person, 24 live stream)
April 23	9:30 am	53 total (53 in person, no live stream)
April 30	9:30 am	72 total (53 in person, 19 live stream)