

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 12, 2023

2023 St. Paul's Board of Directors:

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

Call to Order - Opening Prayer

Discussion and approval of May 17, 2023 BoD meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report - April, 2023 **(June financials not available at time of meeting)**

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: \$15,700.00 (May)

~ 6/18/23: Met with Tsion to discuss "Rev. Pr. Teklu Ketema Memorial
Scholarship Fund", to support Mekane Yesus Seminary - In Pro-

gress

- 6/7/23: Follow-up review mtg. with Glenn & Wendy, American Portfolios
~ Will continue with combination of term notes and money market
accounts through LCEF and/or banking institutions
- 7/3/23: Tsion's Check #133 - \$40,000.00 housing loan repayment received

Pastor's Report

- Vacancy Pastor

~ Pr. Stephen Mentz signs Covenant, June 25, 2023

~ First service: July 2, 2023

Pastor Mentz noted that his mother, Jackie, in Atlanta hospice

- Circuit Visitor:

~Pr. Matt Hilpert, Galilee Lutheran, Pasadena, MD

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Open Items from Last Meeting

1. Church calendar needs improvement

- To do: Send download link to congregation, add to member website, fill with meaningful events, e.g., VBS

Needs to be accessible; populate for events in advance; all updates should go in newsletter

Current Agenda Items

1. Strategic Plan: Strategic Vision Refresh, Focus on 2023 activities
 - Continue review

2. LCMS June 2023 Convention
 - St. Paul's vote for President - Patrick T. Ferry, submitted June 17, 2023
 - Voting results announce June 21: Rev. Mathew Harrison reelected for 5th term
 - Judy Tribby and Pr. Matt Hilpert attending as Circuit 4 delegates
 - Convention July 29 - Aug 3, 2023, Milwaukee, WI

Judy noted major issues as: Abortion, Birth Control, Communion Close or Closed? use of SMP's (Specific Ministry Pastor) instead of ordained pastors

3. "Calling A Pastor" SED, LCMS Manual
 - To do:
 - ~ Congregation profile revisions - In Progress
 - ~ Establish "Call Committee"
 - ~ Submit required documentation to SED

4. Streaming Video & Audio
 - Service streaming set up in nursery (no sound yet)

5. Education - Outreach - Worship Updates
 - Adult Forum and Sunday school on summer vacation
 - VBS is scheduled for July 23 - 27, 2023
 - ~Cyndie, Madonna, Bernice, Judy leading
 - 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
 - St. Paul's made donation of \$250 to Lutheran Mission Society

7. Donna Willingham, organist, begins service at St. Paul's 7/2/2023

8. Folk Scholarship presentation scheduled for Sunday, August 6
 - **Max Houch recipient, Elon University, entry will be placed in newsletter**

9. **Girl Scout request regular use of Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM: need to check insurance umbrella policy**

10. Next BoD meeting: Wednesday August 9, 2023, 5:30 pm

11. Service Views 2023 - 2nd Quarter:

1st Q Avg: 85 total (49 in person, 36 live stream)
2nd Q Avg: 73 total (49 in person, 24 live stream)

April Avg: 70 total (52 in person, 18 live stream)
May Avg: 76 total (49 in person, 27 live stream)
June Avg: 74 total (46 in person, 28 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)
May 7	9:30 am	71 total (46 in person, 25 live stream)
May 14	9:30 am	87 total (61 in person, 26 live stream)
May 21	9:30 am	83 total (45 in person, 38 live stream)
May 28	9:30 am	64 total (46 in person, 18 live stream)
June 4	9:30 am	69 total (43 in person, 26 live stream)
June 11	9:30 am	80 total (54 in person, 26 live stream)
June 18	9:30 am	71 total (48 in person, 23 live stream)
June 25	9:30 am	76 total (40 in person, 36 live stream)