

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

## April 27, 2020 (via audio conference)

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2020 St. Paul's Board of Directors:

Zac Huffman, Tom Cook, Bernice Prescott, Cyndie Dixon, Rick Wood, Jen Houck, Diane Segelhorst, Pastor Dave

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

Opening Prayer was provided by Pastor Dave.

Approval of April 20, 2020 BoD meeting minutes.

Open Items from Last Meeting:

1. Weekly mail delivery continues.
2. Lower level flooring replacement expenditure was approved by the congregation by a vote of 52 to 6. The contract has been signed and the project is to begin the first week in May.
3. Rick W. testing sign panels - ongoing
4. Rick W. setting up live streaming - ongoing
5. Sunday School Director – replacement for Heidi Wood is still pending.
6. VBS - Discussed that we may not be able to do a full week of Vacation Bible School this summer, as people may be reluctant for their children to be in a large group as early as VBS is scheduled, the third week of June. It was suggested that we may be able to do a mini-session later in the summer. The BoD was agreeable to this option. The feasibility will be discussed further. Pastor Dave advised that there was a district meeting today concerning issues on church activities; he will provide a report but said there is likely no change in guidance yet concerning re-opening of activities.
7. Options for Lay Deacons in case of emergency - Pastor Dave had no update as of today.
8. Cares Act - SBA Payroll Protection Plan. resubmitted, acceptance of original application is still pending; application has been resubmitted, but there is no additional information.
9. Cover All "deep" cleaning – Zac has been referred by the company to the person responsible for our facilities but they have not yet had a discussion re how they are cleaning at this point. Diane Segelhorst reported that she saw the cleaners at the church and they told her they are doing their regular cleaning. Since that is not needed, BoD agreed that if they are not doing deep cleaning of individual areas or they do not respond to Zac's inquiries, then we should suspend the service until we are using the building again.
10. Member/Voting Member list is 99% complete, reflecting 97 +/- voting members. New directory (membership roster) is pending. Zac and Diane will finish the list and provide it to Cindy Drabick to arrange active and non-active lists.

Current Agenda Items:

1. Shut in update: Penny Courtney delivered care packages to the congregation's elderly shut-ins today. They were gratefully received. Penny reported that everyone was well and in good spirits. Pastor Dave has called those without internet access and offered communion over the phone if they desired. He also provided a sermon summary. Pastor Dave advised that Mary Kress was admitted to AAMC today and is expected to remain there overnight.
2. 2nd Teklu Ketema interview is scheduled for today, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. Zac asked the BoD to listen in as observers. Teklu was given a list of questions yesterday. The call committee has a larger list of questions for use for follow-up if the original question does not elicit a sufficient response, including additional questions from the BoD. Zac noted that some of the questions had been answered by Teklu on his SET. Dana Brown will also attend this interview, as the chairperson of the prayer committee associated with the CC.
3. Assistance request for local house fire resident received today from Michelle Angeli: Jen Houck reported that the affected gentleman is currently in a hotel and his niece has advised that the best form of assistance at this time is cash via a GoFundMe page that has been established. It was suggested that Jen provide a brief summary for Cindy to send out to the congregation for people to respond as they see fit. BoD agreed.
4. Service Views:

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| - March 29: 118 | April 9, Maundy Thursday: 40 | April 19: 52     |
| - April 1: 29   | April 10, Good Friday: 37    | April 26: 43, 44 |
| - April 5: 104  | April 12, Easter: 42         |                  |
5. It was reported that many of the hand sanitizer bottles placed in the pews have gone missing. The remainder are being moved to a locked closet, as they are difficult to replace.
6. The lower level rooms must be prepared for the flooring contractor to work. Zac will contact Patrice to determine what must be removed and will contact Pastor Juan as well.
7. Pastor Dave asked that all seek guidance for the interview and call process and ask what God wants us to do.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bernice Prescott, Secretary

