

# **St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 17, 2021**

2021 St. Paul's Board of Directors Present:

Zac Huffman, Bernice Prescott, Rick Wood, Jen Houck, Diane Segelhorst, Carol Cook,  
Pastor Teklu

Not present: Cyndie Dixon

The meeting was called to order by President Zac Huffman at 5:33 p.m.

The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Teklu, asking God for His blessings and spirit as we discuss the best ways to serve Him and His people.

The minutes of the February 24, 2021 BoD meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report for February, 2021 was not yet available so was deferred.

## **Pastor's Report**

1. Eighteen calls and one home visit have been completed this past week. Members are beginning to open up for in-home visits. Pastor Teklu noted that he had received his first COVID19 shot today, which will be very helpful.
2. Daily Scriptures are being provided via e-mail, and currently follow a Lenten theme.
3. Prayer team is meeting weekly and sending cards to those for whom they pray.
4. The Sunday Bible study will conclude 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians in four weeks. A new study will begin when class can again meet in person.
5. We are seeing some success with our on-line services and St. Paul Connect, with a young man transferring his membership to St. Paul's after finding us on-line.
6. The sermon series team is discussing a series on faith, to follow the next series that will focus on the Book of Acts.
7. A ministry planning meeting was held on March 10 with the next one scheduled for March 24, to include an evaluation of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter activities and plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.
8. Thirteen young people have registered for confirmation class, which is scheduled to begin April 27. It will be a one-to-two-year program.
9. Pastor Teklu requested advice as to whether he should wear robes or the clerical collar alone for the contemporary service, as the latter may make the Pastor more approachable. After discussion, the BoD agreed that robes were not necessary for the contemporary service. Pastor Teklu also sought advice as to whether the announcements could be posted to the screen rather than read during the contemporary service only. The BoD agreed that this was acceptable.

Open Items from Last Meeting

1. The Worship Committee met on March 4, 2021 and decided the times for all services, as follows:

- Traditional Service 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
- Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

It was noted that it is important that all participants adhere to the time scheduled to avoid disruptions.

#### Current Agenda Items

1. The Reopening Ad-Hoc Planning Committee met on March 1. A detailed e-mail announcing the reopening plans was sent to the congregation on March 10, reviewing the various health procedures we will follow. Congregants were requested to sign up for the Easter services, as a significant crowd is expected. There will not be assigned seats, but one side of the sanctuary will provide full rows for families while the other side will seat singles and/or couples at the ends and in the middle of alternate rows.
2. In-person worship will resume on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021
3. Social gatherings are still limited to ten people, and the fellowship hall remains off limits for social gatherings at this time. After discussion of needs and health procedures to be followed, the BoD decided to allow the quilters and St. Paul's social groups to resume use of the fellowship hall effective April 5 and to allow AA programs use of the fellowship hall as of April 12. Following up a question from the prior BoD meeting, Zac Huffman confirmed that LifeBridge is not presently using the fellowship hall, as was directed.
4. The Strategic Plan final submission was received from Tina Jaison on February 23. Zac Huffman is finalizing the report prior to releasing it to the congregation this month. Quarterly follow up meetings with Tina Jaison will be established.
5. Zac Huffman reported that the tech committee continues to work on audio / video streaming improvement. A grant from the SED is being pursued, with applications due April 5.
6. The next BoD meeting will be held Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. At that time we will consider whether meetings can revert to monthly.
7. Service Views 2021:

January Avg:	55 total (5 in person, 22 live stream / 25 later, 3 audio)
February Avg:	55 total (6 in person, 24 live stream / 22 later, 3 audio)
Lenten Avg:	43 total (7 in person, 20 live stream / 16 later, 0 audio)
Pk Lot Avg:	16 total

February 7:	59 total (5 in person, 25 live stream / 26 later, 3 audio) 18 - Parking lot communion
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February 14:	46 total (5 in person, 27 live stream / 11 later, 3 audio)
Ash Wed 2/17:	50 total (7 in person, 25 live stream / 18 extra, 0 audio)

February 21:	44 total (7 in person, 22 live stream / 12 later, 3 audio)
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13 - Parking lot communion  
Lenten Svc. 2/24: 35 total (6 in person, 15 live stream / 14 later, 0 audio)  
February 28: 71 total (6 in person, 23 live stream / 39 later, 3 audio)

Lenten Svc. 3/3: 36 total (5 in person, 5 live stream[issues], 25 later, 1 audio)  
March 7: 67 total (8 in person, 27 live stream, 29 later, 3 audio)  
27 - Parking lot communion

Lenten Svc. 3/10: 40 total (6 in person, 7 live stream / 27 later, 0 audio)  
March 14: 53 total (8 in person, 16 live stream / 26 later, 3 audio)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bernice Prescott