

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**January 16, 2012**

**Present:** Jane Juchems, Sally Schneider, Jean Byl, Pastor Sandberg, Jack Dahlby, Pam Hinrichs, Jo Bagelmann, Kate Koob, Jan Ott, Pastor Schneider, Brian Beckstrom, Dan Black, Kris Meyer

Pastor Schneider led the council in devotions and prayer.

Council members agreed to read the book Inside the Large Congregation by Susan Beaumont.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed.

Each of the board chairs reviewed the commission statements of his/her respective board. It was agreed to post the statements on St. Paul's website, along with the minutes of each Church Council meeting.

**Board Highlights:**

**Worship:** (Jo Bagelmann)

- 11:15 service is now named as *Rejoice: Worship Renewed*
- Intentional hospitality groups are in place for the 9:00 and 11:15 services
- Week of March 11 is Lutheran Schools Week; school students will lead worship services that Sunday.
- Lenten service schedule: 5:30-Kinderlert; 7:00-abbreviated Holden Evening Service

**Family and Youth:** (Brian Beckstrom)

- Commission statement has been completed
- Committee work will emphasize engaging families in activities which live out their faith beyond church walls

**Mission:** (Kate Koob)

- "Nickels for Nets" will be sponsored by the Mission Board as part of Mardi Gras event on February 19.
- Board is looking for ways of connecting families on the backpack program to *Saints Café*

**Parish Life:** (Pam Hinrichs)

- Wartburg Chapel Choir will participate in the 9:00 AM service on March 24.
- Parish Life and Worship are working together to strengthen Intercessory Prayer Ministry.

**Parish Education:** (Kris Meyer)

- PE is seeking to have part-time, paid staff to oversee VBS and Sunday School and will draft a job description.
- PE is exploring confirmation camp and costs with Family and Youth Board
- PE is seeking a new SPLASH coordinator, a program for families with infants through age 2.

**Head of Staff Report:** (Pastor Schneider)

- Pastor Schneider discussed plans for Lenten worship and small group activity.
- Representatives from St. Paul's to the Wartburg Conference Assembly on February 12 are needed.
- The Nominating Committee has begun its work.

**Council Actions:**

- It was moved (Black, Beckstrom) to receive Jessica Schenk into membership at St. Paul's. Motion carried.
- It was moved (Meyer, Bagelmann) to receive Olive Knudson into membership at St. Paul's. Motion carried.
- It was moved (Dahlby, Beckstrom) to approve paid staffing for VBS and Sunday School from February through July. This position will pay a \$250 monthly honorarium. Motion carried. Parish Education Board and Family & Youth Board, along with Pastor Schneider, will do long-term planning for this type of position.
- It was moved (Ott, Hinrichs) to approve the ministry plan sponsored by the Family & Youth Board for the youth to have a dinner theater fund-raiser (for the national youth gathering). Motion carried.
- It was moved (Bagelmann, Hinrichs) to approve the gift policy proposal presented by the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

**Financial Review:** Treasurer Jack Dahlby presented the year-end financial information (which was very encouraging) and information about the budgeting process and the timeline. The final budget is slated to be approved at the March Church Council meeting.

The Church Council made preparations for the congregational meeting on January 22 regarding the feasibility study results.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Byl, Secretary