

**St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Congregation Council Agenda - January 31, 2022 - 7 p.m.**

**Attendance Roster**

P	Greta Blegvad	Ex	Mandy John	Ex	Joe McDaniel
P	Anne Daly	P	Tim Jordan	P	Kerrill Foster
P	Pr. Gehring	P	Richard Koch		
P	Jean Hovland	P	Charlie Laidlaw Smith		

**Call to Order**

**Devotion – Tim Jordan (5 minutes)**

**Listening to Concerns of the Congregation (limit 15 minutes)**

-When will Pastor start greeting people in the back of the church after Sunday services?

To avoid a crowded “bottle-neck” in the narthex, Pastor will encourage people to talk with him in the sanctuary after church. It is a larger space which makes it safer for all as Covid numbers remain high.

**Review of Meeting Minutes from November 29 and December 27, 2021 (5 minutes)**

- Minutes of 11/29/21 & 12/27/21 were approved as written.

**Committee Reports (10 minutes)**

- Congregational Care and Property committee reports approved. No other reports available.

	Congregational Care: Shut-in friends visited by phone. Remaining Word in Season booklets delivered.				
			Property: Broken water line in mens' basement restroom; consider turning off water in all basement restrooms, unless actually in use.  Water heater in basement replaced after leak.		

			Concerns re: derelict vehicles left in our parking lot, & need for guidelines for potential contract with towing company: referred back to property committee to write guidelines.		

**Treasurer’s Report (including bank, Wright Fund – 10 minutes)** Approved as written/presented.

General fund finished \$6,000 to the good. Property expenses were higher than usual (due to replacing items like water heaters), and will continue into the new year with high water bills caused by various leaks. Property is working with water department to mitigate some of that expense. Poinsettia plants paid for themselves and contributed a little over \$100 in additional funds to the flower fund. W-2’s distributed to all church employees, and end of year tax reconciliations have been filed. Annual report was completed and distributed with a “mini-Forward”. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter contribution statements printed; those not picked up will be mailed on January 31<sup>st</sup>. 1099-NEC’s will be sent when available. Wright family donation after Bob Wright’s funeral was deposited in Memorial Fund.

- Accounts at Park National branch which is closing, will be transferred to Heartland Bank at 4<sup>th</sup> and Locust. Resolution to transfer funds, & update signature cards approved.
- Resolution to affirm Kerrill Foster as Financial Secretary approved.

**Pastor’s Report (including catechism--5 minutes)** Approved as presented.

- Executive committee is designing catechism plan to be multigenerational, including students, parents, & interested members of the congregation.
- Asset Inventory process to continue with brainstorming at the next congregational meeting on 02/27/22, after the election of council members.

**Old Business:**

- February Congregational Meeting/Council Election (5 minutes)
  - Election of council members
  - To also include congregational input re: Asset Inventory process.
  - Thrive Campaign (10 minutes)
  - Jean Hovland will confirm potential committee membership.
  - Resolution to begin the campaign after Easter: 6 weeks of training in the spring, & the 6 week campaign, with a goal of \$7,500, to start in the fall, potentially on Rally Day, 09/12/22.
- Approved.

**New Business:**

- Computer upgrades for church office (10 minutes)
- New computer needed for Jodie
- New software additions to Church Windows needed for Kerrill
- Jens will check out viability of old computer
- Future seminarian (10 minutes)

**Next Agenda Suggestions**

- 2022 Lenten services
- Future seminarian

**Closing Prayer** Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

**Next Council Meeting Date - Feb. 28, 2022 at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Daly