

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregation Council Agenda - April 25, 2022 - 7 p.m.

Attendance Roster

P	Greta Blegvad	P	Tim Jordan	P	Kerrill Foster
P	Anne Daly	P	Richard Koch		
P	Pr. Gehring	P	Charlie Laidlaw Smith		
P	Jean Hovland	P	Sadie Smith		

Call to Order

Devotion – Tim Jordan (5 minutes)

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation (limit 15 minutes)

Current refrain with the Psalms is problematic because it changes weekly, and is especially difficult for non-musicians. Having to flip pages in the bulletin makes it even more difficult. Pastor Martin will think about solutions.

Review of Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2022 (5 minutes)

Approved as written.

Committee Reports (10 minutes)

Congregational Care, WELCA, Property, and Rental Property committee reports are approved as written.

	Congregational Care Shut-ins were visited mostly by phone; Easter cards were sent to all our shut-in friends.		Mutual Ministry		WELCA Organization Rummage sale was a success with a profit of \$2,027.01.
	Education		Property Greta reports that the sign company she has been consulting would not actually produce the sign locally, but rather a sign company in Florida would do so. Charlie is also investigating another source. Tim reports the steps outside		Worship

		<p>the church entrance near the sacristy are in need of work. This will be put on hold hoping it can be combined with the stone work for the base of the new sign. Although no longer working in horticulture, Tammy & Hank Trites have graciously offered to continue caring for the plantings around the church building...we are most appreciative. Charlie continues to work with Robert Stokes, and the Durable Slate Company of Columbus. He will present an estimate from the latter re: the leaking problems in the area of the tower. As part of our decluttering efforts, we would like to dispose of the old organ pipes currently stored in the women's restroom in the east end of the basement. We are wondering if there is any possible use for them.</p>	
	Evangelism	<p>Rental Property</p> <p>One rental not paid (\$600.00) for April. Renter has health issues, & we have not been able to contact them by phone or in person. Houston Plumbing serviced sump pump problem at 199</p>	Youth Ministry

		Boyleston. Statement not available yet.	
	Four Church Farm	Technology/Website	

Treasurer’s Report (including credit/debit card – 10 minutes)

Approved as written/presented.

As you will note, we have exceeded our budgeted income for the month. You will also note that our mutual funds took a large hit during the first quarter – like everyone else’s. Hopefully this trend will improve. All payroll taxes and quarterly reports with the government (payroll taxes) have been filed. We are still working out of two banks and Kerrill is trying to iron out the wrinkles. Bank reconciliations are challenging, but they still balance. Kerrill is also exploring options for procuring credit/debit card account for the church.

Pastor’s Report (5 minutes)

Approved as presented.

Lenten and Easter services went well, as did the WELCA rummage sale for which we are most appreciative of Diane Ganz’s leadership. Currently planning funeral for Joe McDaniel.

Old Business:

- **Review facilities use form: (10 minutes)**
Continues as a work in progress as rate structures for members and non-members are considered, as well as fees for janitorial services, candle holders, etc. Council members are to send price suggestions to Tim by 05/16, for executive committee to review before next council meeting.
- **Roof update-Charlie (10 minutes)**
Durable Slate Co. estimate: will repair copper roof for approximately \$18,000. This will address leaks, valleys and gutters. Estimate valid until the end of April. A current estimate is not yet available.

Motion is made to contract with the Durable Slate Co. to replace the copper roof, including valleys and gutters at a price not to exceed \$25,000. Motion is approved.

Congregational vote to approve the project is planned for the first weekend in June, with work to begin 06/06/22.

Thrive campaign: (5 minutes) Jean Hovland

Campaign is set to begin 09/11/22. Training for committee will happen before the September start date.

Towing signs: (5 minutes)

New towing signs for the church parking lot are currently in the counting room, and are ready for installation by the property committee.

New church sign (5 minutes)

Charlie and Greta are continuing to research three sign companies to replace the old church sign. Electronic signs require a permit.

New Business:

- **Reschedule asset mapping (5 minutes)**
Asset mapping has been rescheduled for May 22.
- **Nominations for council member appointment (10 minutes)**
Council member nominations have been put on hold until a later date. Charlie Laidlaw-Smith was approved by a council voice vote to assume the role of assistant treasurer.
- **Memorial Fund donation (10 minutes)**
A motion was approved to move \$250.00 of unencumbered funds from the Memorial Fund to the Ethan and Laura McDaniel Education Fund.

Next Agenda Suggestions

Closing Prayer

Next Council Meeting Date - May 23, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Daly