St. Paul's Board of Directors' Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
6:00 pm – Fireside Room
Minutes

Chairman Call to Order – *David Talmage* at 6:00 pm

Opening Devotion – *Deb Mercier*
Titled: Learning to Walk and Psalm 23

Secretary Roll Call (silent) Quorum – *Gail Kanneg*

1. **Non-Board Member Comments**

2. **Consent Matters**
   2.1 Meeting minutes from July 25, 2023 - **Approved**

3. **Items to be Added to the Agenda**

4. **Report on LCMS Convention** – *Gail Kanneg*
   - PSD Circuit 11 sent Rev. Tim Klinkenberg and Gail Kanneg as Voting Delegates.
   - Gail shared her impressions both positive and negative of the Convention.

5. **Reports**

5.1 Treasurer's Report – *Pike Lambeth*
- General tithes and offering are about $23K above budget and $32K above last year. We did receive a large single offering.
- Net income is $626K, which is above our budget amount by about $85K.
- Our budgeted net income is used to support our principal payment.
- Funds at Allspring are earning about 5.2%.

5.2 Governance Committee – *Todd Eklund*
- Nothing new to report. Will meet in October.

5.3 Senior Pastor Report – *Pastor Christenson*
- $204,000 estate gift. Pastor recommends that it is used for maintenance, repairs, and security.
- **MOTION:** Use the estate gift funds for deferred maintenance and security upgrades. Seconded. Discussion. All in favor. **Motion Passed**
- An anonymous donor gave $15K as a matching gift for our Tuition Assistance Fund. We will be promoting this throughout the holidays at both the church and school.
- To-date, 80 people have signed up for "The Story of God" small group campaign!
- The Minister of Music search committee continues to meet and interview candidates. One of the candidates will be serving as our guest leader on Sunday, September 24.
- Metric Report: School Enrollment
  - Currently above our budgeted enrollment.
  - Very close to considering opening a third classroom in 5th grade.

- Not much interested from I20 (international) students at this time.
- Continued encouragement to staff to make efforts to increase enrollment.

- Metric Report: Facilities
  - Short term – roofing issues throughout campuses, fencing for ECDC and maintenance area.
  - Long term – new buildings to replace MODJ and Maintenance, curb appeal, key card system.
  - 807 tickets have been completed over the past 6 months.
  - Working on improving security throughout our campuses.
  - Kindergarten classrooms received some upgrades.

5.4 Endowment Report – *Cassie Glastetter*

- Fund Balances
  - LCMS Endowment = $158,412
  - Allspring = $46,565
  - LCEF Endowment = $31,132
  - Thrivent Tuition Assistance Fund = $499,283
  - Allspirng Tuition Assistance Fund = $62,171
  - Thrivent Vic Heim Endowment = $45,047

Adjournment & Prayer – *Dave Talmage at 7:25 pm*
There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman entertained a motion and second to adjourn – Approved. Adjournment to continue in Service and Prayer.

Sincerely,
Gail Kanneg - Secretary

Those in Attendance on September 19:
David Talmage – Vice President
Pike Lambeth – Treasurer
Gail Kanneg – Secretary
Pastor Christenson
Todd Eklund
Cassie Glastetter
Paul Marlow
Deb Mercier
Robyn Strohschein

Absent Board Member: Nick Seierup

Guests: Nicole Stankus