

Congregational minutes

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Arlington, Massachusetts

30 January 2011

Gathering

A quorum of exactly 30 and more besides was gathered and we came together in God's name at 11:45AM.

Prayer

Brian Sniffen gathers us in prayer.

Agenda

The agenda was accepted.

Word

Minutes

The minutes of 2010's meeting were accepted with a clarification about what Thrivent had wanted for \$10000.

Receiving of reports

Pastor Goodman

Pastor Goodman starts his report in video form, *A Pastor's Leap of Faith* out the windows of the office into the fifteen antagonists high snow drifts. The Arlington Messenger has contacted us in regards to an article about the life of faith in Arlington. St. Paul is apparently the only thriving mainline Protestant church in Arlington—there are other thriving churches (Orthodox, Catholic, Unitarian-Universalist). The sound of the singing every Sunday reminds him of our community's strength and life.

President Mark Olson

President Olson thanks clergy, Kirsten Leinhard (treasurer), Don Mitchell (financial secretary), Ken Heyda (treasurer-in-waiting). Also those who are leaving the Council: Marilyn Waehler and Marianne Brown, and other positions: auditors Todd Hay and Heikki Topi, nominator Norma Ofsthun, and New England Synod delegates Helen Payne Watt and Mark Olson. We have received overwhelming financial support; now it's time to follow that up with time and effort in person.

A member thanks Mark, Colleen, and the leadership of the church for their hard work in sustaining the community.

Nominations

The committee thank those who now end their service, those who continue to serve, and those who have agreed to begin new service. They nominate the following slate to the council to serve until January 2014:

- Wendy Stack
- Brian Sniffen
- Maile Hedlund (only to 2013, replacing Anne-Louise Klaus)
- George Wilson
- Chris Trost

They also nominate Valerie Devine as Auditor, Lena Olsson-Noonan as Nominator, and Bruce Grunwald and Rebecca Pontius as delegates to the New England Synod.

Dan Ries is nominated from the floor as an auditor.

Marilyn Waehler is nominated from the floor to the nominating committee.

The slate is MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED.

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Budget

President Olson briefly discusses the proposed budget.
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Pastor Goodman and President Olson thank the budget committee for their hard work.

Wi-Fi

Peter Schmidt mentions that the church guest wireless network is now running; the password will be posted in the narthex.

Sending

We gather to sing *On our way rejoicing* (537) and Brian Sniffen leads us in prayer at 12:10PM.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Sniffen

Next regular council meeting has been re-scheduled to 7 February 2011 at 7:30PM.

These minutes can be found online at
<http://evenmere.org/~bts/Church/>.