

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Council Members Present:

Diane Boscarino, Beth Brower, Pastor Scott Cady, Vinni Carey, Pamela Little, Judy Ludwig, Karen Ness, Dana O'Brien, Kathy Olkowski, Valerie Vega

Others Present:

Greg Weingart

Members Absent:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Council President Diane Boscarino at 7:00 pm

Devotions and Prayer –

Pastor opened with prayer

Discussion about solar/roof proposal

Pastor asked Greg what changed his mind about the roofing project. Greg explained that he had a long discussion with John. John has agreed to pay for the roof from the church to the end of the connector, provided his money is not used toward the solar portion of the project.

- **Roofing Work:**
 - John's funding will cover removing the existing rubber, repairing bad areas, and installing 60ml rubber with lap joints.
 - Warranty: 20 years (same quality work as originally proposed by the solar/roofing company).
 - Greg has the warranties in hand.
- **Funding:**
 - John will transfer his Apple stock to St. Paul's, which we will sell.
 - Roughly \$60,000 will be available, with about \$2,000 extra for drain repairs.
 - Our investment consultant has already been contacted — the funds will be deposited directly into our account. Turnaround time: about a week.
 - This reduces our loan by approx. \$38,000.
 - We will not need to take funds from savings for the AC unit.
- **Project Timing:**

- Work should begin in 2–3 weeks, to be completed before winter (roof and AC).
- Greg will confirm the start date.
- He will also coordinate electrical work on the roof (his brother handling electrical).
- Greg will follow up with Barry Cone on ordering the AC unit.
- **Impact on Solar Project:**
 - We will still install solar panels on the fellowship hall roof.
 - John stated he will not block the solar project or the land sale.
 - We will still receive the 40% rebate on the solar/fellowship hall roof project.
- **Questions Raised:**
 - Does this change/void the congregational vote? Since two different companies will now be doing the work, does it require another congregational vote? Council felt it did not, the scope has not really changed — we are still completing the same work, at lower cost, without using additional funds.
 - Pastor suggested sending out an FYI to the congregation explaining the changes and allowing members to raise concerns if they wish. Council will make a statement to the congregation on Sunday and send an email blast to everyone the same day.
- **Loan Impact:**
 - The loan will be amended to reflect the smaller amount.
 - Interest rate remains unaffected.

M/S/P Judy Ludwig, Kathy Olkoski to accept John and Betty Grunder’s offer to pay for the flat roofs from the connector to the church sanctuary using AllWeather Roofing, LLC, following the same specs as previously voted on at the August congregational meeting, and the Grunder’s will also pay for the HVAC unit that is being purchased from Barry Cone and those funds will not be taken from investment reserves. The congregation will be notified of this change. Passed unanimously.

The following will be announced from the pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025, and a web blast will be made immediately after the announcement.

From the Church Council

*We are deeply grateful to share that John and Betty Grunder have graciously given **\$60,000.00** to support the replacement of the flat roofs from the connector to the sanctuary and to provide for HVAC needs. This extraordinary gift provides a great financial savings for St. Paul’s and will ensure that our facilities are well cared for and will help sustain a safe and welcoming environment for worship, fellowship, and ministry.*

Because of this gift, the roofing company completing the project will change for just that portion of the flat roof project, but the specifications will remain the same as originally

approved by the congregation. The solar project and the flat roof for the Fellowship Hall is progressing as voted on by the congregation in August.

We give thanks to God for this faithful act of stewardship and for the continued generosity that strengthens the mission and ministry of St. Paul's.

Prayer and Dismissal

Adjourn at 8:00 pm

Judy Ludwig, Congregational Secretary