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Agenda

1. Devotions - Debbie (5 minutes)
2. Adopt minutes from January Council meetings (5 minutes)
3. Q & A on Committee Reports (5 minutes)
4. Old Business
 - a. Feedback from Annual Meeting (10 minutes)
 - b. Feedback on Projectors/Screens (10 minutes)
5. New Business:
 - a. (10 minutes)
6. Adjournment – Lord's Prayer

Attendees

									d=Devotions		19:15	19:15	19:15	18:00	18:00	18:00	18:00	
N			chair	% att	dev.	1 6/20/13	2 8/8/13	3 9/18/13	4 10/23/13	5 11/20/13	6 1/15/14	7 1/22/14	8 2/19/14	9 3/20/14	10 4/16/14	11 5/21/14	18:00 6/18/13	
1	Treasurer	Dave	Bergeson	x	100%	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
2	Finance	Mike	Bonk	x	50%	0	x	x	x				x					
3	Vice President	Jessica	Donahue	x	100%	1	x	d	x	x	x	x	x					
4	Stewardship	Dean	Eisfelder	x	88%	0	x		x	x	x	x	x					
5	Financial Secr	Brent	Harms	x	63%	0	x		x	x		x	x					
6	Finance	Beth	Hostager		25%	0					x	x						
7	Fellowship	Patrice	Katzenmaier	x	75%	1	x	x	d	x	x	x						
8	Missions	Patty	Longard	x	13%	0	x											
9	Youth and Family	Dane	McKenzie	x	13%	0	x											
10	Youth and Family	Darcy	McKenzie	x	75%	0	x	x	x		x	x	x					
11	Evangelism	Steve	Morganson	x	88%	1	x	x	x	d	x	x		x				
12	Pastor	Cassie	Nault	x	88%	2	x	x	x	d		d	x	x				
13	Education	Tanisha	Pikula	x	88%	1	x	x	x	x	d	x		x				
14	President	Debbie	Pirkl	x	100%	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	d					
15	Secretary	Andy	Ruff	x	63%	1	d	x	x	x								
16	Pastor	John	Snider	x	100%	0	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
17	Property & Maint	Justin	Woods	x	88%	0	x	x	x		x	x	x	x				
18	Property & Maint	Dan	Youness	x	25%	0			x	x								
19	Worship & Music	Chris	Youngren	x	50%	0			x	x	x	x						
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Meeting Notes

Andy was out of town on business. Notes are by Pastor John. Ref Email dated 3/14/2014 12:14.

Present: Debbie Pirkl, Jessica Donahue, Dave Bergeson, Brent Harms, Dean Eisfelder, Steve Morganson, Justin Woods, Tanisha Pikula, Mike Bonk, Director of Youth Ministry Sitraka Rakotoarivelo, Pastor Cassie Nault, Pastor John Snider.

Absent: Chris Youngren, Pat Katzenmaier, a McKenzie, Andy Ruff

1. 7:20 p.m. called to order. Devotions by Debbie Pirkl about our diverse talents all used for good.
2. Minutes approved: regular council January 19th and special meeting on January 22.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. Evangelism: two people certified to be video operators
 - b. Fellowship: Mardi Gras preparations
 - c. Pastor Cassie: Minnesota Food Share Food Stamp Challenge. Live for a week on \$4.50 a day.
4. Annual Meeting Reflections:
 - a. Debbie was thankful for Pastor Cassie's making her reduction to 80% fte. Wondered how it was going. Cassie responded harder for everyone.
 - b. Brent liked the passion expressed, indicative of a healthy congregation.
5. New Business:
 - a. Lent: All Ages at 6 p.m. Psalms learned. Conversation points. Pictures on the screens for Saturday and Sunday worship.
 - b. Stewardship: Lego Challenge. Buy a Lego for a Lego bridge in addition to your regular pledge. To be run in April. Motion made and adopted.
 - c. Strategic Planning seeking feedback and a meal meeting in March or April. Seeking transparent process. A brainstorming session for the next words. Pastor Cassie-people aren't necessarily seeing the connection of changes to the strategic plan.
 - d. The Bridge: Lay leaders doing the assisting minister role: We don't go to church, we are the church!
 - e. Town Square Filming, Sitraka has three cameras.
 - f. Giving Online being explored. Easter Eagan has a successful method.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor John Snider

Committee Reports

Education

Reference: No update as of 2/19/2014 19:00

Evangelism and Membership

Reference: Email from Steve Morganson dated 2/12/14 13:39

1. Five welcome packs delivered this month.
2. TJ and I will complete the courses at Town Square TV for certification next Thurs.
Future course schedules have been sent to Dave Paton and Loren and Jenny Van Pelt.
3. Church sign cover will be installed when it is warm enough for the adhesive to hold.

Fellowship

Reference: Email from Patrice Katzenmaier dated 2/13/14 10:29

We had a mini meeting on Sun., Jan. 23rd between services.

Donuts are cancelled for 2/9--pancake breakfast and 2/23--baptism pot luck for Ollie Nault! I think we are needed to bring a pot luck dish. I have not heard the plans yet of who is bringing.

Plans are underway for the Mardi Gras. We have a number of host family's so far:

Andy & Sara Ruff
Curt & Rosalie Christensen
Gary & Tracy Westman- they have pets
Bret & Janice Culver
Polly & John Snyder

Now we need people to come! Anne will start the signup and put up at front desk, Feb. 9th. All council are encouraged to come to this annual event! It is a great get together and much planning goes into this progressive dinner. Come, and encourage all of your church friends.

We each need to bring an appetizer:

Fruit--Dianne, Joanna
Rollups--Patrice,
Skewer of meat, cheese pepper--Anne
Bacon rollup--Sara

Dianne will get the King Cake again. We need a volunteer to pick up punch, vanilla ice cream, skewer stuff, napkins, cups and fruit at Cub. Charge to St Stephens Fellowship Committee Budget. Jim Katz. and Andy Ruff will pick up from Dixie's and bring to host family's.

We will meet at church at about 2:30pm for setup. Sat. eve church is at 5pm and the Mardi Gras will follow.

I am in the process of setting up child care and will be in charge of it if we do not get any volunteers. Pizza will be ordered. Any ideas form youth?

Dixieland music--Patrice. Does anyone have a great CD?

Patrice Katzenmaier- fellowship chair

Finance

No update as of 2/19/2014 19:00.

Missions

Reference: Emails from Patty Longard dated: 1/30/14 21:58 and 2/9/14 15:09

2/9/14: Just an update, we collected nearly 180 pounds of food on Souper Bowl Sunday! Thanks to everyone for making the day a success!

1/30/14: We met early this month to facilitate final planning for this Sunday's events

1) Souper Bowl Sunday: We met early to finalize plans for our little part of Souper Bowl Sunday. We will host a soup can drive based off the day's Super Bowl contenders. Please bring cans of soup to donate to the cause.

2) Financials: Upon reviewing the church's tithe for 2014, we have around \$5000 less to distribute than in 2013. Upon further discussion, we noted that this is similar to our 2012 budget. We agreed to align our 2014 budget with that from 2012. Final details to follow.

3) MN Foodshare month: We worked out plans to challenge the whole congregation to collecting 2000 pounds of food / dollars for the March MN Foodshare campaign. Our donations, as always, will go to Neighbors Inc. Last year we collected around 600 pounds of food, and \$1200, for a total drive collection of \$1800. We believe that the congregation is up to the task of beating last years collection. More information to follow in the March Update.

4) Fair Trade Coffee - We met with Fellowship Committee, and there is resounding support for switching our Fellowship hour to Fair Trade Coffee. We will contact Peace Coffee in Minneapolis to look into setting up an account with them.

Next Meeting: Thursday March 6th 6-7pm

Respectfully Submitted

Patty Longard, Vicki Jackson, Shanley Harper, Cassie Nault

Pastor's Report – John Snider

No update as of 2/19/2014 19:00

Pastor's Report – Cassie Nault

No update as of 2/19/14 19:00

Property and Maintenance

Reference: No update as of 2/19/2014 19:00

Stewardship

Reference: Email from Dean Eisfelder dated 2/19/18 14:08

The Stewardship Committee has been working on two projects this month. The first project is a fund-raising idea to make up the \$37,000 budget shortfall that is projected for 2014. The basic idea is to sell LEGO blocks in order to build a bridge that will span our budget gap. Blocks will be priced from \$200 to \$50 and when all 300 blocks are sold, the budget shortfall will be eliminated. As blocks are sold, the bridge would be assembled and put on display in the narthex. The project would take place during the month of April. A mailer would be sent to all members to inform them of what is required.

The second project is to figure out how to add an online giving system to our website. I have contacted Susan Miller at the ELCA to find out which congregations have added this feature. I have also been in contact with Dean Hostager who is the administrator for our website. I have looked at several websites of congregations that use online giving and have taken some screen shots of the pages that display. I will be getting together with Dean to discuss what it would take to add online giving to our website.

Dean Eisfelder

Worship and Music

No update as of 2/19/2014 19:00.

Youth

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