

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Parish Council Meeting April 17, 2019 / 6:30pm-7:30pm

Attendees (Absent):

Pastor John Snider, Pastor Tim Thompson, Brett Scribner, Gary Westman, Dave Bergeson, Debbie Pirkl, Joy Stenhaus, Janell Woods, Beth Hostager, Diane Meyers, Sara Ruff, Joanna Mead, Mark Rogosheske, Jenny Van Pelt, Eric Donahue, Jessica Donahue, Kim Richter, Mary Brunkow, Lori Ritt, Teresa Tschida, John Anderson, Tracy Westman, Ali Schloesser-Brecht

Guest speaker: Mollie Guthrie

AGENDA

1) Opening prayer: Pastor John

2) Minutes approved – March 20, 2019 meeting (Brett)

3) Molly Guthrie: Sustainability / Environmental Stewardship at St. Stephens.

- a) Introduction
- b) Learning skills/ideas to implement and educate.
- c) Possible corner section in monthly update.

4) Committee report:

❖ **Pastor John report:**

❖ **Pastor Tim report:**

- Presented idea for an outreach program experiment. Idea is to reach out to those that may not be participating in traditional congregational life. The program would gather people in homes for worship, community and service. The plan is to build this program during summer with test drive in the fall with a designated end date. At that time, will review how things went and determine next step. If you know of folks that would be interested, please send information to Pastor John and Pastor Tim.

Property & Maintenance: Eric/Jessica

- Paint, new flooring & furniture out on bids for Noreen Center. Ping pong table & fuse ball table were purchased and installed.
- Leak in lounge will be repaired & painted once warmer weather arrives.

Christian Education: Tracy

- Working on survey to have completed by end of season.

Youth and Family: John

- Reviewed plan for last Wednesday celebration. Dinner at 5:30, classroom 6, celebration 6:15, ice cream at 6:45

Finance: Diane/Beth

- Financial statements look good

Stewardship: Kim

- Continuing to look at new emphasis on giving in general vs once a year pledge drive.
- Looking to work with other committees on how to implement some of Thrivent's programs to raise funds.

Missions: Jenny

- Land sale money: \$2000 to Alaska VBS, looking at ways to help community, possible pay lunch program.
- May 5 is Mission Sunday

Worship & Music: Lori

- Lent is going well

Inviting:

Fellowship: Sara

- Please sign up for Spring Lunch May 4th.
- Currently sign up is 22 people.

Nominating: John

- If you know of someone that would be a good leader, please send name to Pastor John. Always good to have names in the mix for potential committee members.

5) Mid-Year Meeting Agenda:

- Please send your thoughts for agenda items to Brett.

6) Wentworth Ave. Construction Update: Brett

- Brett attended the open house at WSP city hall. Work should begin in August to parking lot.
- Some work to the road has started. The parking lot will not be closed during this time.
- More updates will be posted when available.

7) Important Dates:

- Parish Council: Wednesday May 8, 2019 / 7:15pm
- Mid-Year Congregational Meeting: Sunday May 19, 2019 / 10:40am
- Parish Council: Wednesday June 19, 2019 / 6:30pm

8) Adjourn