

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting August 15, 2018 // 6:30 PM

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, Rebekah Villafuerte, Jenny Van Pelt, Eric Donahue, Jessica Donahue, Kim Richter, Mary Brunkow, Lori Ritt, John Anderson, Annette Youness, Tracy Westman

AGENDA

1. **Opening prayer** – Pastor John
2. **June meeting minutes:** Approved
3. **Committee reports:**
 - a. **Pastor's report:**
 - Salem Partnership opportunities.
Tracy spoke regarding partnership with Salem Lutheran Church.
Faith Formation will be at St. Stephens on Wednesday evenings.
Possible some activities will be at Salem.
 - Tim's Toolbox – Pastor Tim
Booklet in production. Will be available to use for Wednesday Education.
 - Wentworth Ave. construction update from Pastor John
 - Committee Chairs:
Each committee should have a scheduled meeting 1st Thursday of each month.
Chair or substitute should be at monthly council meeting.
 - b. **Property & Maintenance – Eric & Jessica Donahue**
Carpet needs to be replaced in game room & possible Noreen Center lobby.
Recommend oven upgrade in kitchen.
Recommend refrigerator replacement. Either new industrial or 2 regular size.
2nd heat unit needs to be replace in Noreen Center.
Lights are getting replaced. Only 7 left.
 - c. **Christian Education – Janell & Tracy**
New curriculum has been purchased. Rooms cleaned, boards updated.
Salem Lutheran will be providing assistance this year.
Many volunteers with varies duties have been signed up but still need more.
It was recommended background checks for all volunteers.
 - d. **Youth & Family** – no report
 - e. **Finance – Diane:** Year to date finances look good.
 - f. **Stewardship – Kim:**
Suggested everyone read of the book "New Money mindset".
2nd and 3rd week in November is Pledge Walk.
Possible update to website under Stewardship.
 - g. **Missions – Jenny:**
God's work. Our Hands will be September 9. Many of activities planned then delivery.

h. Worship & Music - Lori:

Looking for Lectors, Altar Guild and Communion assistants.

i. Inviting - no report

j. Fellowship – Sara:

Reminder the Saints Game is Friday August 17.

Possible there may be food at 8am before the Service. After service is God's work. Our hands.

December – looking for a date to go caroling followed with hot chocolate and cookies.

4. Director of Worship – Pastor John

Position has been posted, resumes have been received & a committee has been selected to review and send letters out.

Committee will meet either Saturday August 18 or Monday August 20.

5. Youth Ministry Activities Coordinator – Pastor John

In the process of selecting folks to the selection committee. This committee will review candidate letters/resumes and make recommendations.

6. Pastor Tim position –

There was discussion on steps required to offer 2 year term call.

Congregational meeting will be required.

7. Brett Scribner transition: reviewed option for earlier transition.

8. Important Dates:

Future Council Meetings:

Wednesday September 19 – 7:30p

Wednesday October 24 – 7:30p – moved due to MEA

Wednesday November 15 – 7:30p

9. Adjourn