

St. Stephens Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
March 22,2017

Members in attendance: Jessica Donahue, Dave Bergeson, Debbie Pirkel, Diane Meyers, Tiffany Cook, Beth Hostager, Lori Ritt, Darcy McKenzie, Annette Youness, Sitraka Rakotoarivelo, Pastor John, Dave Paton

1. Opening prayer, Pastor John
2. Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.

Approve minutes from February meeting, Motion Deb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave B.

**Agenda Items**

- a. Committee reports
  - i. Minnesota Food shelf – Pack the Pews this Sunday!
  - ii. Inviting - Derby day luncheon, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Baskets requested and full would be even better for basket raffle, men doing dishes
  - iii. Finance – Received a \$21,000 gift from the Charitable Remainder Trust of Orv and Arlene Johnson! As generous in death as they were in life.
  - iv. MVMS floor goes in spring break and financing has yet to totally firmed up but talks are ongoing with the Foundation. Inner “circle” of lights in sanctuary are being replaced by the maker, General Electric, gratis due to warranty issues. We do have to rent the lift which isn’t cheap.
- b. Youth Ministry- Sitraka – More an update on Sitraka and Katelyn. Katelyn has been assigned to NE Ohio (Pastor John’s first gig!) and search will begin in earnest with a trip there in May and possible relocation in the Fall.
- c. Succession Planning /term renewal – Nominating Committee will be in touch with you if you’re up for renewal or you’re free.
- d. Strength finders – scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 am
- e. Future meeting dates for council: 4/18 **Exec. 6pm then council 7:15pm**

**4. New Business - none**

**3. Old Business:**

- a. Cell tower update – still in discussion but deals haven’t changed a lot but have gotten a little better.

**Adjourn**