

St. Stephens Lutheran Church  
Semi-Annual meeting  
21 May, 2017

**Agenda:**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Approve Agenda/ Review and adopt minutes from May 22, 2016 meeting
4. New Business
  - a. Member-at-large to Nominating Committee
  - b. Election of Officers/ Nominating Committee
5. Recognition of departing members from Council
6. Mid-year glimpse at finances
7. Pastor's report
8. Closing Prayer
9. Adjourn

**Minutes**

1. President Jessica Donahue called the meeting to order at 10:58 am  
Quorum was certified by Debbie Pirkl (Constitutional requirement of minimum of 5% of congregation or 50 members signed.)
2. Opening Prayer – Pastor John Snider asked the room “What are you thankful for?”
3. Approve agenda and prior minutes – Mark Rogosheske motioned, was seconded and the motion to approve carried.
4. Call for volunteers to participate as members of Nominating Committee, briefly described responsibilities and informal meeting schedule, normally 3-4 times per year.  
The following nominations were made as new members/position change of Council:  
**President** - Brett Scribner  
**Vice President** – Steve Gebauer  
**Treasurer** – David Bergeson (renew)  
**Stewardship** – Kim Richter  
**Christian Education** – Janell Woods

**Finance** – Beth Hostager and Diane Meyers as Co-Chairs (renew)  
**Missions** – Jenny Van Pelt  
**Property & Maintenance** – Eric Donahue  
**Worship & Music** – Mary Brunkow

Nominations were called for from the floor and hearing none, the motion was made by Mark Rogosheske motioned to approve, John Gralish seconded, motion carried and the slate was approved.

5. New President Scribner thanked all those departing members of the Council for their fine work and welcomed the new with enthusiasm with special recognition for Jessica Donahue for her time as Council President as well as Lori Ritt leaving Worship & Music. President Scribner referenced the staffing challenges on the horizon and noted that the Executive Committee continues to consult with the synod for the various options available. Synod conversations have been positive and many new ideas being considered... more to come.
6. Treasurer Dave Bergeson and Finance Co-Chair Beth Hostager stated that budget is largely on plan but continued to encourage diligence on both sides of the ledger. Joanna Mead encouraged stewardship participation and discouraged a complacent “la dee dah” attitude about it.
7. **Pastor’s Report** – Pastor John Snider referenced the staffing challenges being considered and asked “How is your garden growing?” as an anecdote to what St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church will be asking itself as staffing circumstances change and, like Spring, it is coming. Continuing to connect per our Mission statement is paramount.
8. **Closing Prayer** – Led by Pastor John...”We listen, talk, and the Spirit guides us...scripture does not disappoint.”
9. **Adjourn** – Debbie Pirkl motioned to adjourn, was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.