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Meeting Notes

1. Call to order. Meeting called to order at 9:57 by President Debbie Pirkl.
 - 1.1. Verify quorum: 68 members signed in. Per the constitution, a quorum is 5% or fifty voting members, whichever is less. We have about 680 eligible members so quorum is the lesser of 34 or 50. Attendance meets both criteria. Quorum established.
2. Opening prayer. Pastor John Snider.
3. Agenda: President Pirkl reviewed the agenda. M/S/C to accept the agenda.
4. Review and adopt minutes from prior meetings. President Pirkl gave a brief overview of the most recent congregation meetings. M/S/C to adopt the minutes of the May 2014 congregation meetings.
5. Treasurer's Report. Dave Bergeson reported. We started the year with a projected deficit of \$37,000. The actual deficit through April is \$2800. General envelope giving is about the same as last year. Dean Eisfelder drove a "Lego" fundraiser to help bridge the projected budget gap. That campaign raised about \$12,000.
6. Children and Youth Ministries update. Sitraka reported. Sitraka has been with us for 10 months now. He started last year with "meet and greet" and moved on to WILD, JOY, and confirmation in the Fall. WILD and JOY involved bible story telling with kids and volunteers. Sitraka also hosted hang time with the junior and senior high kids on Saturday nights. Hang time involves fun and games and relationship building. These groups provide a forum to talk about faith and what's happening in our kid's lives. Other youth oriented events this past year included the meatball dinner, chili cook-off, pancake breakfast, and Youth-children Sunday. Sitraka is also helping us develop media such as the new screens and projectors into our ministry.

Looking ahead to this summer: we have 23 kids signed up for summer camp at Wapo in June. Pastor Cassie will attend with the younger kids and Sitraka will attend with the older kids. The youth are also planning a mission trip to Manassas Virginia July 12-20. VBS is scheduled for August 18-22. Pastor Cassie and Sitraka are currently developing the plan for the rest of the year. We hope to have a few summer barbecues and then resume WILD, JOY and confirmation in the Fall. Keep your eyes open for other updates this summer. Our

programs only work with strong adult support and interaction. Our staff can only do so much. We need your help in leading and mentoring. A specific request: share your faith stories with our kids. Please feel free to Email or call with ideas or suggestions or offers to help. Finally: thank you. Its been an awesome and challenging year. Our community is encouraging and uplifting. It's a blessing to work with you. Let's work together to impact the life of kids.

- 6.1. Dave Paton: Compliments to Sitraka. The Lent programs were full of amazing level of energy. We owe it to our kids to get involved and help carry the youth of St. Stephens where they are going. [Applause]. Sitraka: youth ministry is not separate from the rest of the church.
- 6.2. Darcy McKenzie: There is a big ELCA summer youth gathering in Detroit in 2015. We hope to send a group to that gathering. This will require organization and funding. Please plan to join in the effort.

7. Old business

- 7.1. Land Sale update. Debbie Pirkl reported. We completed the sale of the West portion of our property on Thursday 5/14/2014. Debbie Pirkl and Andy Ruff signed on behalf of the congregation. Net proceeds are approximately \$340,000. This will initially go into the capital reserve fund. We previously resolved to tithe 10% of the net proceeds to missions. Patty Longard and the missions committee will propose how to allocate the tithe. The balance of the funds will be held for a future capital campaign or as directed by the council.

The developer who purchased the property plans to put in 11 houses. Utilities, water, sewer, and roads will go in over the summer. Lot prices are expected to be in the \$90-120,000 range. The developer had hoped to include the "old parsonage" as part of the package but the owner chose not to sell at this time.

Debbie thanked the Finance committee for deciding when to sell and Mike Butala for leading the effort. This was a huge and drawn out effort. We are glad that its done. [Applause].

- 7.2. Strategic goals update. Pastor John reported. A year ago John asked if we were ready for some change. It hasn't been too wild. We have developed some changes around worship. The new screens are good. Church needs to change. A theme at the recent synod meeting is that what worked last generation doesn't work now. Its not our fault. The world is changing. We need to learn to tell the Christ centered story.

Our strategic effort is progressing. We are working on connecting with God, each other, and the world. Connecting with God relates to worship. We started the Saturday night bridge service to try something new. Last night's bridge was the best to date. We are committed to helping this grow. We still have a strong traditional flavor with the 8:30 and 10:45 services.

Are you wearing a bib or an apron? The bib says "feed me. I want this". Christ puts on

an apron and asks, "How can I serve you?". We need to be able to articulate what the Galilean says to us. It's the best good news.

John will be starting his sabbatical today at noon. John thanked us for this fabulous gift.

7.3. Other old business? None.

8. New business

8.1. Nominating committee: Debbie Pirkl: last year we resurrected the nominating committee. We need 3 new members this year. Council has already nominated 2. We need one more from the congregation at large. Brett Scribner volunteered. Thank you Brett!

8.2. Election of officers: Debbie Pirkl. Debbie reviewed the attached slate.

8.3. M/S/C to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8.4. Other new business? None.

9. Pastor Cassie Nault comments: The church looks different from what we think it is. Look around. We all look different. The church looks different from how we want it to look. The spirit moves among us. It's not about what we want. It's what God brings us to. Keep that in mind as we move forward this summer and in the years ahead. The center remains the same. We are connected to God each other and the world. Remember that God loves you.

10. Closing prayer. Pastor Cassie Nault.

11. M/S/C to adjourn the meeting at 10:39.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Ruff,
Secretary

Agenda

Reference: Email from Debbie Pirkl dated 5/14/14 21:01

ST STEPHENS LUTHERAN CHURCH SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

May 18, 2014

Agenda

1. Call to order; verify quorum
2. Opening prayer
3. Approve Agenda
4. Review and adopt minutes from May 2013 meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Children and Youth Ministries update
7. Old Business
 - a. Land Sale update
 - b. Strategic Goals Update
 - c. Other Old Business
8. New Business
 - a. Member-at-Large to Nominating Committee
 - b. Election of Officers/Nominating Committee
 - c. Other New Business
9. Pastor's Comments
10. Closing prayer
11. Adjournment

2014-2015 Slate of Officers

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Slate of Officers, Committee Chairs, and Nominating Committee May 18, 2014

Candidates for Election

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Debbie Pirkl | President, 2 nd term, 1 year | |
| Jessica Donahue | Vice President, 2 nd term, 1 year | |
| Doug Schmitt | Secretary, 1 st term, 2 year | |
| Brent Harms | Financial Secretary, 2 st term, 2 year | |
| Dane & Darcy McKenzie | Youth and Family, 1 st term, 2 year | |
| Patrice Katzenmaier | Fellowship, 1 st term, 2 year | |
| Steve Morganson | Membership and Evangelism, 2 nd term, 2 year | |
| Laura Vitelli | Stewardship, 1 st term, 2 year | |
| Annette Youness | Nominating Committee, 1 st term, 2 year | |
| Darcy McKenzie | Nominating Committee, 1 st term, 2 year | |
| Brett Scribner | Nominating Committee, 1 st term, 2 year | (volunteer 5/18/14) |

Members Currently Mid-Term

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| Dave Bergeson | Treasurer, 2 nd term, 2 year |
| Tanisha Pikula | Christian Education, 1 st term, 2 year |
| Lori Ritt | Worship and Music, replaces Chris Youngren |
| Mike Bonk | Finance, 1 st term, 2 year |
| Patty Longard | Missions, 2 nd term, 2 year |
| Justin Woods & Dan Youness | Property and Maintenance, 1 st term, 2 year |
| Sondra Paton | Nominating Committee, 1 st term, 2 year |
| Vicki Jackson | Nominating Committee, 1 st term, 2 year |
| Lisa Ellison | Nominating Committee, 1 st term, 2 year |

Members Retiring

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| Andy Ruff | Secretary |
| Dean Eisfelder | Stewardship |
| Chris Youngren | Worship and Music |
| Dave Paton | Nominating Committee |
| Justin Woods | Nominating Committee |
| Kelly Meyers | Nominating Committee |

Approved by Council, Wednesday, May 14th

Attendance

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 Semi-Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 18, 2014
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| 1 <u>Ken Erickson</u> | <u>Ann Andetur</u> | 18 |
| 2 <u>Marilyn Erickson</u> | <u>Chris Jonsgren</u> | 19 |
| 3 <u>Laura Vitelli</u> | <u>Dean Cispola</u> | 20 |
| 4 <u>Sandra Patra</u> | <u>Clara Swanberg</u> | 21 |
| 5 <u>Dave Patra</u> | <u>Tracy Westman</u> | 22 |
| 6 <u>DAN Mikel</u> | <u>Dore McKenzie</u> | 23 |
| 7 <u>Alice Mikel</u> | <u>Polly Brude</u> | 24 |
| 8 <u>Brett Culver</u> | <u>Jiff</u> | 25 |
| 9 <u>Dave Bergeson</u> | <u>Jeff West</u> | 26 |
| 10 <u>Vicki Jackson</u> | <u>Frank Pott</u> | 27 |
| 11 <u>Mary Brunson</u> | <u>Ron Culver</u> | 28 |
| 12 <u>Joanie Regan</u> | <u>Virginia R. Culver</u> | 29 |
| 13 <u>Dale Johnson</u> | <u>Patricia Johnson</u> | 30 |
| 14 <u>Jan Sten haug</u> | <u>Ann Jones</u> | 31 |
| 15 <u>Don Sten haug</u> | <u>Anne Blankus</u> | 32 |
| 16 <u>Mark T. Gosh</u> | <u>Lolly Cooney</u> | 33 |
| 17 <u>Jim Perkins</u> | <u>Andy Hains</u> | 34 |

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| 1 <u>Shirley Coughlin</u> | | 18 |
| 2 <u>Jana Culver</u> | | 19 |
| 3 <u>Brothy Culbert</u> | | 20 |
| 4 <u>Thyllis Elmqvist</u> | | 21 |
| 5 <u>Doug Pruitt</u> | | 22 |
| 6 <u>Kathleen Schmitt</u> | | 23 |
| 7 <u>Dorey Munkpl</u> | | 24 |
| 8 <u>Barb Jonkerby</u> | | 25 |
| 9 <u>John W. Bivens</u> | | 26 |
| 10 <u>John West</u> | | 27 |
| 11 <u>David Rongie</u> | | 28 |
| 12 <u>Johnnie</u> | | 29 |
| 13 <u>Andrigan</u> | | 30 |
| 14 <u>Janel Laueri</u> | | 31 |
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| 1 | Carol Nelson | 18 |
| 2 | Brenda Greer | 19 |
| 3 | Jim Schaffs | 20 |
| 4 | Donald Leo | 21 |
| 5 | FRETT SCRIBNER | 22 |
| 6 | Christine Scribner | 23 |
| 7 | Time by Alpaugh | 24 |
| 8 | DuRoi | 25 |
| 9 | S. Barber | 26 |
| 10 | Sara Ruff | 27 |
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| 1 | Susan Clark | 18 |
| 2 | Synda + Dave Buege | 19 |
| 3 | Andrew Ruff | 20 |
| 4 | Mike Bank | 21 |
| 5 | Mark Bone | 22 |
| 6 | Nancy Lynn | 23 |
| 7 | Aspa Lyndal | 24 |
| 8 | Mona | 25 |
| 9 | Dina Kable | 26 |
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