

St. Stephen's Council Meeting

June 21, 2023

Attendees: John Snider, Vicky Jackson, Tim Gibson, Jackie Hanson, Loren Van Pelt, Jolene Sather, Sara Ruff

- Welcome
 - Prayer by Pastor John
 - Since there wasn't enough in attendance, we needed to defer the approval of the May meeting minutes until our August meeting where we will approve the May and June minutes.
1. Executive Update
 2. Landscaping Committee
 - a. A meeting was held with the Foundation to request money for phase 1 and it was approved by the Foundation
 - b. They are figuring out timing to do Phase 1 with the company selected now that they have funding
 3. Building Committee
 - a. The committee is working with 3 firms to get ideas and proposals in an initial interview type process. We will go from there to pick one to do a paid design.
 4. Foundation update – approval of landscaping funding
 5. Riverside Innovation Hub
 - a. Our committee attended the initial workshops at Augsburg with 11 other churches. This is a 2 year process.
 - b. We are looking to still recruit another person or two to represent the younger members of our congregation.
 - c. The next set of meetings is in September.
 6. Pest Control Activities
 - a. The ECO Lab program was quite expensive
 - b. We are going with a company that Jane and Jamie Lerbs found
 - i. Laughlin's Pest Control (Chad Lee)
 - ii. Cost of Service is \$145 / quarter for the control of insects and rodents
 7. Review of St. Stephen's WSP Days events
 - a. Most of the details covered in Pastor Tim's report
 - b. Noted that the "free food" really was appreciated by the crowd and drew people in
 - c. All events seemed to be very well attended and successful
 8. Noted that we have been asked to join with Salem for the "Hymns and Beers" on July 10th at Gallagher's Bar and Grill from 6:00 – 8:00.
 9. Meeting was adjourned early.

Next Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jolene Sather on behalf of Abby Vavra