

St. Stephens Council

May 17, 2023

Attendees: Jackie Hanson, Merrill Zieman, Tim Gibson, Sara Ruff, Vicki Jackson, Mary Molumby, Diane Meyers, John Anderson, Jolene Sather, Mark Rogosheske, Beth Hostager, Abby Vavra, John Snider, Kim Richter, Tim Thompson

Landscaping Committee: Lynn Kubat, Brett Culver, John Snider, Merrill Zieman, Jane Lerbs

1. Opening Prayer and Introductions
2. Landscape committee: Want to make the building look loved
 - a. Colleen Moran Southview Garden Design created a design for the council to review
 - b. Cost – will get a bid after Memorial Day
 - i. Can we use Foundation funds?
3. Minutes from April meeting approved
4. Executive Committee – covered in other committee reports
5. Pastors' reports –
 - a. Thank you to everyone who served on committees up to their term limits
 - b. Thank you to everyone who renewed committee participation
 - c. Written report includes Executive Committee for the coming year
 - d. ELCA statement on Christian Nationalism – post on St Stephen's Facebook page
 - e. Give away –
 - i. 30 minutes prior there will be hot dogs;
 - ii. hospitality for the parade needs a point person - Fellowship
 - iii. there will be a table at the city wide open house
6. Education – Final Faith Formation tonight, good night and good year
7. Youth and Family – 10 kids going to camp this summer
 - a. Plans for fall already coming together
8. Finance – its all in the report. Favorable position relative to budget
9. Stewardship – Easter offering well received. Grateful for everyone's stewardship.
10. Mission – God's Work, Our Hands
 - a. Have a Fall clean up day at the church
11. Worship and Music –
12. Properties – discussion of critter proofing the church, there are designated reserves for this
13. Fellowship – May potluck well attended; helping with the parade, baby shower, patio party
14. Inviting – new members joined on Sunday 😊
15. Building – meets regularly, distinguishing between needs and wants, seeking recommendations from local groups about the Narthex, Energy audit showed some opportunities to reduce costs,
16. Riverside Innovation Hub – accepted into the program, need to form the core team to participate over the next several years
17. Semi-annual meeting – this Sunday at 10:30
18. Next Meeting: Full Council – 7:00 pm June 21st; Exec. Council TBD