

St Stephens Council

October 18, 2023

Attendees: Pastor John Snider, Loren Van Pelt, Mark Rogosheske, Jolene Sather, Mary Molumby, Tim Gibson, Vicky Jackson, Mary Jo Martinek, Debbie Pirkel, Pastor Tim Thompson, Jackie Hanson, Abby Vavra

## **Meeting Agenda:**

- Opening Prayer
- Question to Connect – favorite Halloween candy
- Approval of 9/20/2023 Meeting Minutes – approved as submitted
  
- **TOPICS:**
  1. Executive Committee Update
    - a. Information covered in the committee reports below
  2. Church Council Committee Reports/Updates:
    - a. Property Management
      1. Hard hats are coming together
      2. Project list is being updated weekly and will be in the mailbox
      3. Project list will be shared via e-update as a Google form, Pastor Tim will work with Jan
    - b. Safety Committee
      1. If you have symptoms, stay home
      2. Share the peace as you feel comfortable
    - c. Christian Education
      1. Low turnout tonight for Faith Formation – MEA tonight
    - d. Youth and Family
      1. Swedish meatballs November 11th
    - e. Finance
      1. Insurance company sent money for tree and fence repairs
      2. Snow and lawn care – contract increased after 8 years at the same cost, still below cost for the service
    - f. Stewardship
      1. Met last week and brainstormed theme for stewardship
      2. Sustaining excellent ministry is the goal
      3. Fall special giving still coming in
    - g. Missions
      1. Collecting snow pants and coats for Garlough and Moreland Elem.
    - h. Worship and Music
      1. Working up to All Saints Sunday with memorial candles
      2. Shortly after that Advent and Christmas
      3. Good response on communion servers and readers

4. Additional participants in setting up Advent and Christmas are appreciated. Especially people who can get up and down ladders.
    - i. Fellowship
      1. Lots of exciting things happening
    - j. Inviting
      1. Pretty soon something's going to happen
      2. Need a new location for the Nativity scene
    - k. Nominating
  3. Pastor Reports
    - a. Open forum – ministry trip to Turkey recap
    - b. Contemplative prayer and study – never too late to join
    - c. Support for family with medical needs has been well received
  4. Property & Maintenance Plans for addressing backlog – see 2a
  5. Dance Card Followup Reminders
    - a. If someone signed up for your committee – please follow up with people who expressed interest
  6. Pastor John's Trip to Turkey – see 3a
  7. Building Committee Update
    - a. Meeting on Tuesday to see architect ideas
  8. Reminder - Hymns, Burgers & Beer on October 30<sup>th</sup>
  9. Landscaping efforts
    - a. Water system prepped for winter
    - b. New members joining the group
- Other Business or Announcements
    - \$1000 from undesignated memorial funds put toward Innovation Hub work via motion and approval
  - Adjourn

**Next Church Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 15th at 7:15**