

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Parish Council Meeting March 20, 2019 / 7:30pm-8:30pm

Attendees (Absent):

Pastor John Snider, Pastor Tim Thompson, Brett Scribner, Gary Westman, Dave Bergeson, Debbie Pirkl, Joy Stenhaug, Janell Woods, Beth Hostager, Diane Meyers, Sara Ruff, Joanna Mead, Mark Rogosheske, Jenny Van Pelt, Eric Donahue, Jessica Donahue, Kim Richter, Mary Brunkow, Lori Ritt, Teresa Tschida, John Anderson, Tracy Westman, Ali Schloesser-Brecht

AGENDA

1) Opening prayer (Brett)

2) Minutes approved – February meeting – no meeting in February due to snow

3) Committee reports:

Pastor's report(s)

❖ Pastor John:

- Ron Houde of Ron's Building Maintenance will be retiring as of April 30, 2019. Brian and Jenny Gaylord with Brother and Sister Cleaning Service will assume Ron's work as of May 1, 2019.
- On Friday March 22 come support our friends from the Mosque we have been connected with thru "Let's Talk". We would like to be outside their Mosque as they pray to show our support for what happened in New Zealand.
- Lent services are going well. Wednesday focus is on the Lord's Prayer and Sunday's focus is on Hebrews.

❖ Pastor Tim:

- Presentation on Discipleship Toolbox went very well.
- Discipleship Lab #2 will be held Saturday May 4th.

a) Property & Maintenance

- Sanctuary lighting upgrade proposal reviewed
 - Motion by Gary to approve lighting proposal.
 - 2nd by Diane Meyers.
 - Motion passed.
- Good news, the roof top unit does not need replacement.

- b) Christian Education – Tracy
 - Sunday school offering from approximately 8 yrs ago is \$750.00. Youth suggested this be donated to Tanzania towards a roof on their multi-use building.
 - Reviewing the mentor program. Looking into having ‘silent prayer’ mentors. More to come on this.
 - A kid friendly “Lord’s Prayer” booklet was put together to use during Lent.

- c) Youth & Family – Ali
 - New York trip in planning stages.
 - Duluth trip in planning stages.
 - Putting together some “service days” throughout the summer.
 - WAPO sign up coming soon.
 - VBS is June 10-14 with Salem at Salem Lutheran Church.

- d) Finance – Beth and Diane
 - Start of 2019 is looking good.

- e) Stewardship – Pastor John
 - Working on 2020 envelopes.
 - Discussion on not having a pledge drive. This opens the discussion to communicate all year vs only during pledge month.

- f) Missions – no report

- g) Worship & Music – no report

- h) Inviting – Teresa
 - Working on a postcard that will be mailed to approximately 500 families.
 - Looking for a high school age person to join committee.

- i) Fellowship – Sara
 - Exciting news “Donuts are back”!
 - Spring lunch is May 4th noon to 2:30. Sign up is in the Narthex.

- j) Nominating –
 - Please begin to think about your committee and members needed.

4) Mid-Year meeting agenda (Brett)

a) *Scribner to begin drafting – Please send your thoughts to me for agenda items*

5) Wentworth Ave. Construction (Brett)

- Begins in May
- Information will be available regarding parking and/or road closures.

6) Important Dates

- a) Parish Council: Wednesday April 17, 2019 / 6:30 PM
- b) Parish Council: Wednesday May 15, 2019 / 7:15 PM
- c) Synod Assembly: May 17 – 18; St. Andrew's, Mahtomedi
- d) Mid-Year Congregational Meeting: Sunday May 20, 2019 / 10:45 AM
- e) Parish Council: Wednesday June 19 / 6:30 PM

7) Adjourn