

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church**  
**Parish Council Meeting January 15, 2020**  
**7:15 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Attendees (Absent):**

Pastor John Snider, Pastor Tim Thompson, Gary Westman, Merrill Zieman, Sue Clark, Debbie Pirkel, Joy Stenhaus, Mary Molumby, Teresa Tschida, Sara Ruff, Joanna Mead, Beth Hostager, Diane Meyers, Dave Paton, Eric Donahue, Jessica Donahue, Kim Richter, Lori Ritt, John Anderson, Annette Youness, Tracy Westman, Ali Schloesser-Brecht, Mark Rogosheske

**AGENDA**

**1) Opening prayer / Devotional (Pastor John)**

**2) Minutes approved – November 20, 2019 meeting (Gary)**

**3) Updates from Executive Committee (Gary)**

- a) Safety/Security rescheduled meeting from today to 22JAN20.
- b) Pamela Beard Estate – we have a signed purchase agreement with a close date scheduled for 28JAN20. Memory & recognition of gift will be 23FEB20.
- c) St. Paul Area Synod – Need 6 delegates, please contact Gary if interested. This will be on 22FEB20 from 9:45-11 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Gary, Merrill & Sue are going. Need 3 but more can go if interested.

**4) Committee Reports/Updates**

**a) Pastor Reports**

**Pastor John:** working on several goals this year: the first is Stewardship – committee/new theme of 'stewardship for all seasons' is off to a great start for 2020. Next in work is a retreat with an outside leader to continue direction forward and new vision of what is next for St. Stephens.

**Pastor Tim:** Holden Prayer selected service for Lent 2020. A sheet was handed out & will be in the Sunday Bulletin "Light along the Way". Please share a journey that was important in your life (most meaningful, delightful or difficult). They will be reviewed by the pastors and then decide which journey subject to focus on during lent.

Manna and Mercy Reading group currently in session. Falling Upward book study to begin Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Both are online chats. See Pastor Tim or connection center for more info.

**b) Property & Maintenance**

Continue to work on youth room. Scheduled to be completed in February.

**c) Christian Education – Mary/Tracy/John**

Things are going well. Attendance is good. Tracy attended a recharge workshop and shared ideas going forward. 08APR20- Stations of the Cross - more to come.

**d) Youth & Family – Ali**

Shared hand-out for Volunteers “Guidelines and Tips”. This will be for all volunteers to review. Summer camp and mission trip are planned. Summer trips are in planning. More information to come on each of these opportunities.

**e) Finance – Beth/Diane**

2019 and 2020 budgets presented & reviewed.

Motion by Merrill to accept proposed 2020 budget - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary - motion carried.

**f) Stewardship – Kim**

‘Stewardship for all Seasons’ is off to a great start in 2020. Committee is requesting an increase in the budget for this program.

**g) Missions**

Loaves and Fishes collection will be Sunday 26JAN20.

**h) Worship & Music – no report**

**i) Inviting – no report**

**j) Fellowship**

Watch update and bulletin for upcoming activities.

**k) Nominating – no report**

**5) Important Dates**

**a)** Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 26 @ 10:40 am

**b)** Re-Dedication of the Noreen Center - Sunday February 2, 2020

**c)** Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 19 @ 7:15pm

**6) Adjourn**