

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Parish Council Meeting February 19, 2020
7:15 PM – 8:15 PM

Attendees (Absent):

Pastor John Snider, Pastor Tim Thompson, Gary Westman, Merrill Zieman, Sue Clark, Debbie Pirkel, Joy Stenhaug, 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 – January 15, 2020 meeting (Gary)

3) Updates from Executive Committee

- a) Pamela Beard Estate (Gary)
 - i) Closed on house 31JAN20
 - ii) Minimum of 10% will be used outside of St. Stephen's
 - iii) Memory of Pamela will be Sunday 23FEB20
- b) Building Safety/Security Recommendation (Dave Paton)
 - i) Dave gave an overview of the bids received and answered questions.
 - ii) Schmidt Security Systems was appropriately priced. Also noted Augustana Lutheran Church has been pleased with the service provided to them by Schmidt.
 - iii) Executive Council recommended Schmidt Security Systems, Inc bid at \$17,0354.40
 - iv) Motion to accept bid from Schmidt Security Systems, Inc.
 - (1) Motion by Merrill / second by Eric / motion carried

4) Committee Reports/Updates

- a) Pastor Reports
 - i) Pastor John: please see summary page 3
 - ii) Pastor Tim:
 - (1) Continues reading and online conversation with Manna Mercy & Falling up
 - (2) Working on do it yourself directory
 - (3) Will miss the March meeting due to travel to Italy!
- b) Property & Maintenance - Eric
 - i) Please see summary email page 4
- c) Christian Education – Tracy
 - i) Ash Wednesday - dinner 5:30-6, class 6-6:30, service at 6:30
 - ii) Alternative service at Salem Lutheran at 7pm
 - iii) Stations of the Cross will be April 8

- d) Youth & Family – Ali
 - i) Summer trip will be to Madison, WI
 - ii) March 21 will be game night for all ages 1:30-3p
 - iii) Camp:
 - (1) K-4 with grandparents July 12-14
 - (2) Grade 3-6 July 12-17
 - (3) Grade 6-8, 9-11 July 19-24
 - iv) John A – would like to add a fundraiser to support campers
 - v) Annual Pancake breakfast is Palm Sunday
- e) Finance – Beth & Diane
 - i) Working on annual budget by month summary
 - ii) Working on budget summary for each group & meeting with each
- f) Stewardship
 - i) Adding members to committee.
 - ii) Please attend March 4, 8-9p will be a zoom platform. More details to follow
- g) Missions – Dave P
 - i) See summary email page 5
- h) Worship & Music - Lori
 - i) If would like to join committee please contact Lori or Pastor John.
 - ii) There will be 2 services Easter Sunday: 9:30a and 11a
- i) Inviting
- j) Fellowship
 - i) Mardi Gras Potluck this Sunday
- k) Nominating

5) Important Dates

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 18 @ 7:15 pm

St. Paul Area Synod Toolkit – Saturday, February 22 (8 to 2:30)

- Attendees: Gary, Merrill, Sue, Beth, Bruce & Diane
- 4 voting members are Gary, Merrill, Sue and Beth
- Meet at church by 8:30a to carpool

6) Adjourn

Pastor John

Council Report

February 19, 2020

- **Stewardship for All Seasons**
 - a. So excited about the leadership and the program we have begun. An excellent opportunity to strengthen our culture of Christian generosity.
 - b. **Wednesday, March 4, from 8-9 p.m. a Zoom** with Pastor Pete Reuss to orient the council. Can be watched from any location.

- **Noreen Dedication**
 - a. A beautiful experience! Thanks to everyone, no one more than the Donahues!

- **Lent: Light Along the Way**
 - A practical look at 5 common journeys of every life
 - Wonderful worship, 11 a.m. in the chapel, 6:30 in the sanctuary using Holden Evening Prayer.
 - Allow Lent to be a spiritual growth spirit in your life.
 - Ash Wednesday is February 26

- **Lutheran Mideast Development**
 - Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m. Sanctuary.
 - § Mr. Matthew Hand
 - § Updates on the Middle East
 - § Opportunities to support the women we are helping

- **Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 17.**
- **Rooted in the Word**
 - First Saturday of the month, 8:30-10a.m. Joseph's Grill
 - The Gospels, starting with Mark, March 7
 - Everyone needs a place and time to discuss the things of faith. We are a relational faith: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you don't have one, try Rooted in the Word.

- **Celebrating the Life and Gift of Ms. Pamela Beard this Sunday.**
 - Commendation following the Prayers of Intercession
 - § Introduction by Gary?

Properties and Maintenance meeting minutes: (February)

This month has been our “wrap up month”.

The rededication of the Noreen Center and update of the youth room. Rededication was a wonderful success, just a few things lingering to finish, lamp for the chillax room, pool table and games (indoor and outdoor); otherwise stamped “finished” (I hope)

Youth room has had a face lift thanks to the Adam Stenhaug memorial. (New carpet, donated furniture, tables, new paint, shelving and a TV is on its way.)

New items on the list:

New mats (rugs) ordered and delivered. (please note on your way out tonight)

Lighting (as part of the security system) we will install motion sensor lights at the end of the long hallways, bathrooms, and stairwells.

Otherwise just typical day to day maintenance list that grows and shrinks on a daily basis 😊

Thanks everyone for all your support.

Eric and Jessica

Missions Committee – Feb 2020

Your Missions Committee met over the last few Sundays. The primary items of business were preparing for MN Foodshare month in March. We'll be have a brief Temple Talk on March 1st to advise the congregation the fun we'll be having. The usual "pack the pews" will happen and the food drive will be as competitive as ever! While we certainly have a competitive spirit given how St. Stephens has done over the years, let's keep in mind the hearts and souls of those we're serving.

We're also in the process of reviewing the orgs we support and at what level. With many hands out and many, many, worthy causes we wouldn't mind adding an organization or two. Let us know your thoughts if you have ideas!

On May 1 we have the forum/adult ed. Thanks to the organizers for this opportunity. We will be sharing the many ways we share the abundance of our church with others.

God's Work, Our Hands will be coming in September as well. Look for more on that soon.

Missions Committee: Vicki Jackson
Dave Paton
Jenny VanPelt