

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Parish Council Meeting April 15, 2020
7:15 PM through Zoom

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 Tim)

2) Minutes approved – March 18, 2020 meeting (Gary)

3) Updates from Executive Committee

- a) Building Security System has been installed
 - i) Looking at potential upgrades. Possible keypad on doors.
 - ii) Member has donated \$15,000 toward security system.
- b) Paycheck Protection Program Loan/Grant Application
 - i) Application in process for this program. Many folks helping in this effort -Thank you Abra, Beth, Sue, Debbie. Completed form should submit by Friday.
 - ii) Beth – Synod meeting last night. Many churches submitting application & some have received funds.
 - iii) We will only use funds as needed. Will return any unused portion.
- c) Coronavirus Response
 - i) Importance of “Be the Church”
 - ii) Extending the Phone connection
 - iii) Continuation of on-line services / end date TBD
 - iv) What does a “return to normal” look like at St. Stephen's?
- d) Pamela Beard estate: Tithe minimum of 10% (\$18,500).
 - i) Recommends \$18,500 be set aside. These funds would be used to help outside the church.
 - ii) Recommends \$5,000 to donate immediately as \$4,500 to Neighbors & \$500 to DARTS.
 - (1) Motion Dave – 2nd by Kim – motion carried.
 - iii) Suggestion: schools might need help toward students distance learning. Example: donate for WIFI service.

4) Committee Reports/Updates – Please email updates in advance of meeting

- a) Pastor Reports
 - i) Pastor John:
 - (1) Starting this Sunday. Would like new voices for the readings each week. Any volunteers? John A, Kim and kids, Mary and kids, Dillon, Beth, Ali.
 - (2) Wednesday evening service continues with “Evening Well”.
 - ii) Pastor Tim:
 - (1) Church now has a Zoom account. Learning how all this works
 - (2) Working on technology, improvements for online services, etc...
 - (3) Two book studies continue online.

- b) Property & Maintenance - Jessica
 - i) Looking at installing motion lighting in hallways and in all bathrooms.
 - ii) Continue to work on youth room.

- c) Christian Education – Tracy/Mary
 - i) Continue meeting online with youth
 - ii) Tracy sending weekly email to youth and families.

- d) Youth & Family
 - i) Ali – month activity, trying a zoom scavenger hunt. Increase of participation with youth.
 - ii) John A – youth continue to meet via zoom.

- e) Finance – Diane

- f) Stewardship – Kim
 - i) Working thru mobile app working.
 - ii) Considering sending out a few envelopes with a letter to members to encourage giving during this time of distance worship.

- g) Missions – Dave
 - i) MN Food Share has been extended thru April.
 - ii) Mission Sunday in May – more to come.

- h) Worship & Music –
 - i) Garrett is scheduled to be back in May

- i) Inviting – no report

- j) Fellowship –
 - i) On hold. Getting ready to re-connect soon.
 - ii) Coffee hour via Zoom????

- k) Nominating –
 - i) Will be getting together to fill position's for the coming year.

5) Important Dates

Next Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 13 @ 7:15 pm

Annual Meeting May 17, 2020

6) Adjourn