

St Stephen's Lutheran Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes

December Parish Council meeting was replaced this month by a joint Council/Exec Committee Christmas party; thus, no minutes were recorded. However, the following Committee Reports were received this month and are provided below

The following Committee Reports were received this month and are included with these meeting minutes:

- Fellowship
- Evangelism
- Finance

Recorded and Submitted by
Doug Schmitt,
Council Secretary

Attachments to December 2015 Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports:

Fellowship (Patrice Katzenmaier)

Attended: Patrice Katzenmaier, chair, Kathy Cannif, Joanna Mead, Pastor Snyder, Diane Johnson

Old business:

Thanks for all the contributions for the Woodbury Concert in Nov., and also for the Thanksgiving eve service.

It was all very delicious!

New business:

We still need one volunteer to serve Fellowship hour on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 [9:30 service only]. Contact Patrice 612-432-9992.

12/13- Children's Christmas Program. Please bring 1 dozen Rhodes cinnamon rolls [cub frozen]. Bake at home and bring to church between 8 -9. Diane, Patrice & Jim Schaffert along with the youth will be serving Fellowship hour. Council members are also encouraged to participate by bringing cinnamon rolls and assisting with this activity.

We are excited to announce that we are again going to host a Mardi Gras Mystery Dinner! It will be held on Sat., Feb 6th from 5:30 to 8:00. As before, we will begin the evening at St. Stephen's, then divide into groups for dinner at local hosts' homes. We will provide transportation, food and childcare. Finally, all will return to St. Stephen's and share traditional Mardi Gras King Cake. Children are encouraged to come. Suggested donation will be \$10. Sign-up will begin in a few weeks in the Narthex. Interested in hosting? Please call Patrice Katzenmaier 612-432-9992 or any fellowship committee member. We are in need of 4-5 homes. We would like to grow this event to 60-75 this year. It has been very popular and enjoyed by all who have attended in the past.

Planning for Mardi Gras will begin on Jan. 7th all committee mtg. Sign-ups will be on Sunday Jan. 11 and 18th. & 25th. On these Sundays we will also meet to plan. Final planning will be Sunday Jan. 31.

Patrice Katzenmaier, chair

Evangelism (Steve Morganson)

Dec 9, 2015

Last meeting Roger presented a program for converting our church from just a welcoming to a more proactive inviting church. This was our first working session to set a plan in motion to accomplish this.

1. John agreed to write up a description of the plan to be inserted in the bulletin..

2. We agreed to set up 10 home meetings with the objective of explaining and discussing the plan.
3. We agreed to emphasize inviting people we know to the Christmas services.
4. I agreed to present the plan at the Council at the next meeting.
5. Stephanie agreed to write up a detailed description of the plan to date.
6. Our next working session is scheduled for Jan 17th at 10:00AM at Roger's house.

Regards
Steve

Finance (Diane Myers)

The Finance committee met on Thursday, December 3th. Members present included Sue Clark, Debbie Pickl, Abra Gillman, Beth Hostager and Diane Meyers.

November Financials Results

The November YTD deficit of \$87,089 is \$3,981 favorable relative to budget. Note, however, that YTD general envelope contributions may not be as favorable relative to budget as shown. The monthly allocation of the 2015 annual budget reflected the 2014 monthly distribution of contributions. In 2014, contributions were deposited 4 times in November and 5 times in December. In 2015, contributions will be deposited 5 times in November and 4 times in December. November YTD general envelope contributions are only \$360 favorable relative to budget after adjusting for this timing difference. All else being equal, this implies the adjusted November YTD deficit is \$2,675 worse than budget.

2016 Budget

Each committee will be looking at their budget expenses for 2016.

Other Discussion Items:

Would like to have a training session within the council meeting to help the committee chairs understand their budgets and what their actual expenses are.

Looking at dedicated and P&L accounts changes.

Respectfully submitted.

Beth Hostager and Diane Meyers, Finance co -chairs