

**St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
June 21, 2017**

Present: Dave Bergeson, Jessica Donohue, Steve Gebauer, Beth Hostager, Patrice Katzenmaier, Darcy McKenzie, Diane Meyers, Debbie Pirkel, Brett Scribner, Jennie Van Pelt, Janelle Woods

Opening Prayer: "More real prayers" read by Brett, Author: Wendell Freerks

Called to order: 6:07 pm

Approval of previous minutes, Motion: Jennie Van Pelt, Second: Jessica Donohue

Agenda Items

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed: Requests for meal sponsorship for upcoming Wednesday's. Circles, Committees, and groups encouraged to sponsor meals for a given Wednesday. \$200-300 in meal expense.

Finance: current budget stance is approx. \$9,000 to the good. Recognized Jim Miller and his many contributions to the good of St. Stephen's as Treasurer and all-around good guy.

Missions: "Chalk the Walks" coming Aug. 15th. Positive/inspirational messages on neighborhood sidewalks. Budget surplus being considered for Mission Trip assistance.

Property/Maintenance: NAC HVAC update, rebates for new being considered, Wentworth, Charleton lots will be striped soon as fence is now installed and flag lit (thanks to the family of Ken Erickson). Catacombs being emptied/organized at the behest of South Metro Fire Inspector.

Old Business:

Strength Finders – assessment discussion planned for August time permitting.

Cell Tower – President Scribner advised negotiations ongoing but should have something to report in August.

SSLC Foundation – pending request for documentation of MVMS floor.

New Business:

Additional lay leaders needed to assist Pastor John/ presiding Pastor pending new clergy arrangement.

Payment systems are budget favorable and members are encouraged to use.

"Wednesday is the new Sunday" concept considered as we assess the needs of our church in terms of budget, leadership/staffing needs, and preferred times of worship.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer – 7:45