

St. Stephens Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
28 January, 2018

Call to Order

Verified Quorum X

Opening Prayer

Brett from Wendell Frerich's book

Approval of prior minutes

MOTION- Mark Rogosheske SECOND – John Gralish, Carried

Summary Recap of 2017

President Brett Scribner recapped year with a special thanks to all staff and lay leaders. Diligence in budget matters was a particular focus as was the increasing involvement by members in various facets of church programs. Wednesday nights offer a resurgence of sorts as more kids and their families are seen each week. Matrix Housing Services was recognized as a great example of SSLC truly continuing to make connections to all within our community.

Youth & Family Update

Sitraka asked how many kids do each of us know by name? That connection makes for a durable relationship between us and SSLC youth but at least as much for our kids to keep their faith throughout their lives.

Pastor's Reports

Pastor John – If we were audited as to progress on our various missions how would we do? Are we connecting? Continuing in President Scribner's theme, Pastor John highlighted the many areas of which he is particularly proud including Matrix, "Let's Talk", etc.

Pastor Tim – "How do you understand discipleship?" , Continued theme of the "road trip" of discipleship including what are termed "huddles" ...small group faith formation themes going into 2018.

2017 Financial Report

Beth Hostager, Diane Meyers, Dave B. – Greatly improved financial performance in 2017 due to not only continued diligence on the expense line but also a couple of one-timers including the generosity of the Johnsons but also a payment from the recently renegotiated Cell tower lease*. Comments from those in attendance included Marlyn's reference to the book "God's Teaching about Money". Johanna Mead offered encouragement to all in their stewardship.

2018 Budget Presentation

Review included a narrative about how SSLC uses its resources to in the ways the congregation has identified as important. Budget was presented that would still involve a deficit for 2018 but given the ability to carry forward that which had been pledged but not used from the aforementioned generosity made the deficit much more manageable. That which continues to be in flux includes various staff positions. 2018 budget is quite conservative in that regard to provide the church maximum flexibility as we take good care of those staff members that contribute so much and those we have yet to meet.

MOTION to approve 2018 budget - Jim Packer SECOND – Jessica Donahue

Foundation Report

Dave Paton – Paton noted another double-digit increase in the assets of the foundation in 2017 due to both new contributions as well as investment performance. Paton noted that new contributions were increasingly coming in small amounts that members are using to commemorate personal milestones such as anniversaries, births, baptisms, etc. A brief review of what the foundation has funded and how members can initiate a cause for the Foundation to consider was made.

Other Old Business

None

New Business

Call from floor - None noted

Delegate Request

6 for 2018 Synod Conference Assembly – Feb 24

Jan Culver, Janel Saari, Sue Clark, Dave Bergeson

3 for 2018 Synod Assembly –

Dan Mikel, Mary Brunkow, Jan Perkins

Closing Prayer

Pastor John and those in attendance sang the Doxology

Adjourned at 11:35