

St. Stephens Lutheran Church
Council minutes
May 17, 2017

Members present: Debbie Pirkl, Darcy McKenzie, Pastor John Snider, Beth Hostager, Brett Scribner, Tiffany Cook, Jessica Donohue, Rhonda Ihrke

Opening Prayer: Pastor John, called to order at 6:08

Approval of March Minutes, motion- Debbie Pirkl, second- Tiffany Cook

Agenda items-

Committee Reports

Finance- Beth Hostager updated through April, St. Stephens is on budget.

Fellowship- Kathy Canniff is assisting Patrice Katzenmaier here and is actively recruiting for donut duty.

Inviting- Peter McKenzie will be attending a youth theology workshop at Augsburg College at Sitraka's urging. Inviting Committee and Stewardship are combining for presentation of "Your new money mindset".

Property & Maintenance- Noreen Center A/C unit is limping and being watched carefully. Other issues being tracked are NAC roof, parking lot striping, new benches. Thanks to Marilyn Erickson for lighting the flag pole in Ken's memory!

Stewardship- Rhonda Ihrke mentioned that the committee was looking at updated pledge numbers. "narrative" budgets being explored as a method of delivering the stewardship message.

Youth & Family- VBS being planned for July 15 – 21, 9:00 am to noon. WAPO registration now closed. 10 young campers, 20 older, Volunteers needed!

Old Business

- Minnesota Foodshare – Church participation not broken out as in year's past though we did beat 2016! Neighbors Inc. came in second in the state overall!
- Derby Day Luncheon – Tiffany said the day was awesome vs. her worst fears. Photo booth was a blast, Oktoberfest theme being considered for next event.
- Strength Finders will be rescheduled to accommodate new Council members.

- Debbie Pirkl updated Council on Synod process for additional staff. Synod survey regarding ministry site characteristics was handed out for completion as homework...general questions about attitude and operation of St. Stephen's.

Good of the Order

Thanks so much to departing Council members! A special thanks to Jessica Donohue for serving as President! We are better for it!

Lord's Prayer & adjourn at 8:15