

St. Stephens Lutheran Church

Council Minutes, 11/16/2016

Present: Pastor John Snider, Jessica Donahue, Dave Bergeson, Tiffany Cook, Beth Hostager, Rhonda Ihrke, Patrice Katzenmaier, Diane Meyers, Dave Paton, Tanisha Pikula, Debbie Pirkl, Sitraka Rakotoarivelo, Mark Rogosheske, Jenny Van Pelt, Lori Ritt, Brett Scribner, Amy Wilson, Annette Youness

President Donahue called the meeting to order at 7:10

- 1. Opening Prayer** – Pastor John offered prayer.
- 2. Approve prior minutes** – Brett Scribner motioned, Dave Bergeson seconded, motion carried.
- 3. New Business**

Pastor Cassie send-off party on 12/11, last day of preaching Christmas Eve.

VP Scribner gave brief overview of discussion with Bishop Lull re: various options available to us in light of Pastor Cassie's resignation. Survey will be now pushed into the new year.

Via deCristo – St. Stephens "Fourth Day" came and sang and spoke about Via deCristo and what it has meant to them. Encouraged those on council that have yet to experience it to please consider doing so. S.S. will be hosting in the Fall...dates tbd.

Foundation – Much gratitude to the family of Norman Lorentzen for their generous bequeath to the Foundation.

- 4. Committee Reports**

Youth – Annual M.O.S.S. meatball dinner was a big success. Special thanks to Jeff and Reid Kubat and all who helped prepare and serve. Youth really stepped up. Chili cookoff and Christmas boutique scheduled for 12/3.

Worship & Music – Visioning Committee holding planning meeting on 10/23 for Advent.

Inviting – Progressive dinner scheduled for 1/21/2017.

Property & Maintenance – Rex Landscaping will be taking over grounds maintenance including snow removal. Cell tower negotiations ongoing.

Finance/Stewardship – Altar walk/pledge Sundays scheduled for 11/20 & 11/27.

- 5. Old Business**

Single Service/Think Worship – Survey to proceed with in H1 2017.

Strength Finders – Generous offer to council by Theresa Tschida for free assessment...to be explored in the new year.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30, followed by the Lord's Prayer.