

St. Stephens Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
9/20/2017

Present: Eric Donahue, Beth Hostager, Darcy McKenzie, Diane Meyers, Debbie Pirkl, Lori Ritt, Sitraka, Brett Scribner, Pastor John Snider, Pastor Tim Thompson, Janell Woods

Opening Prayer: Pastor John

Called to order at 7:18pm

Approval of minutes with correction of month

Introduction of Pastor Tim Thompson

Agenda Items:

Committee Reports:

- **Christian Education**, School starting craziness prevented September meeting, Wednesday going very well.
- **Finance**, Budget largely on track y-t-d, \$26,000 better than planned, Finance and Stewardship working on “narrative budget” concept.
- **Inviting**, St. Stephen’s members very involved in the Warrior 5k, Sibley Homecoming. Will be handing out free hot dogs.
- **Property/Maintenance**, Monitors up in Fellowship Hall, Pest control ongoing but signs of progress, NAC HVAC work scheduled, Ongoing safety assessments include lighting, smoke detectors, etc.
- **Stewardship**, Nominating Committee made recommendation to name Kim Henning new Stewardship Chair. Thanks to Rhonda Ihrke and her family for their many years of service to St. Stephen’s as they relocate to Rochester. Committee has been meeting and focus going forward will be upcoming Stewardship effort and website user-friendliness.
- **Worship & Music**, Volunteers needed for Altar Guild, need 3-4.

- **Youth & Family**, Winter family trips being considered, Global Health Urban Immersion and poverty simulator has been a real eye-opener for kids, Chili cook-off in December with possible new wrinkle of tater tot hot dish? November 11 is M.O.S.S. Meatball dinner and Silent Auction to benefit kids.

Pastor's report – High staff energy overall, Wednesday worship going very well. Lutheran Mideast development event at Augustana, September 21st.

Old Business

- Building lock-up detail looking for volunteers
- Steve Gebauer is hosting a Council curling party for December 2nd, St. Paul Curling Club.
- Sitraka highlights changes at St. Stephens FB page.

New Business

- Jan has put together a comprehensive publication formalizing the church campus usage including member/non-member fee schedule and fee breakdown for each type of event. Exec is reviewing for formal ratification.
- Insurance coverages/Cert. of insurance being reviewed.
- Following dates being tentatively scheduled for balance of 2017:
 - Monday, October 16, 5:45 pm- Exec, Wednesday Oct. 16th- 7:00, Council
 - Monday, Nov. 20, 5:45 pm- Exec, Wednesday Nov. 22nd- 7:00, Council
 - Wednesday, Dec. 20, 5:00- Exec, 6:00 Council PARTY Location TBD

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:30pm