

**St Stephen Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018**

Betsy Clark called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

**Present:** Patsy Olson, Pastor Jim Woodruff, Cheryl Skrypez, Jodi Millard, Betsy Clark, Joni Geppert

**Absent:** Ted Field, Craig Lofdahl, Deb Yusef, Kathy Stickler

**Prayer Concerns:** Merci Yusef; Becky Moren & family; Greg Duffy; Marge Bathen; Gladys Peterson; Mike Dignin; Steve Duchene; Cindy (Patsy's cousin); Helen Claassen; hurricanes; thankful for Gracie's increased vocabulary.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Cheryl Skrypez made a motion to approve the August Council minutes; 2nd by Patsy Olson. Voted on and carried.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Olson

Written report handed out. Fund balances as follows: Benevolence: \$1,880.19; Current: negative \$49,750.07; Special Designated: \$76,182.79; Capital: \$96,937.38.

*Joni Geppert made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Jodi Millard. Voted on and carried.*

**Pastor's Reports:**

Pastor Jim:

Written report handed out. Had a good summer. Worship attendance held steady. School year is starting up. Several events coming up: Animal Blessing, October 6; Music Festival & Auction, October 13; Trunks 'n' Treats, October 27; Confirmation, October 28. Ted working on implementing the ELCA program "God's Work, Our Hands." Will host Thanksgiving Dinner geared toward members of the congregation without family. Sign-up starts in October. Need to get 2018 pledges caught up and start on 2019, and need to make a decision on the parking lot repair.

Pastor Juli:

Written report handed out listing her schedule of visits/worship in the last month.

**Ministry Team Reports:**

Adult Learning - Cheryl Skrypez

This Sunday will be "Women and Justice." Patsy is encouraging the youth to speak on the National Youth Gathering. Also trying to see if the new Social Media person would speak.

### Fellowship - Betsy Clark

Annual Music Festival & Auction will be on October 13 starting at 11:00 am with the usual things lined up. Will start getting baskets and sign-up sheets out this weekend.

### **New Business:**

#### Update on Rally Sunday - Betsy Clark

Rally Sunday was on September 9. Thanks to everyone who made phone calls to the congregation. Went very well, smaller group this year. Music was very good, bounce house and balloon guy were great. Thanks to all for their volunteer work.

#### 2019 Budget - Betsy Clark

Patsy is putting together a budget report for the committee chairs, which will be done by this Friday. The liaisons will take their respective budget report, meet with the ministry team, and get their wish budget. The goal is to hand that list in on or before the October 8 council meeting. Can be put into Patsy's box in the office.

### **Old Business:**

#### Parking Lot repairs: Pastor Jim

Have received 2 bids: one from Schifsky for \$9800 (remove and replace 3" of 3,400 sq. ft of asphalt); bid from Nugent Seal Coating for \$11,050 (2"). Decision made to go with Schifsky. Pastor Jim will call them.

*A motion was made by Patsy Olson to accept the bid from Schifsky for \$9800 to remove and replace 3" of asphalt (3400 sq. ft.) in designated areas, from the Capital Fund; 2nd by Cheryl Skrypez. Voted on and carried.*

Betsy Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm with no objections.

Next Council meeting – Monday, October 8, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan Duchene