

**St Stephen Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting Minutes  
November 12, 2018**

Ted Field called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present:** Patsy Olson, Pastor Jim Woodruff, Cheryl Skrypez, Joni Geppert, Ted Field, Craig Lofdahl, Kathy Stickler, Jodi Millard

**Absent:** Betsy Clark, Deb Yusef

**Devotions:** Pastor Jim

There are 2 times of remembrance in November - All Saints Day on the 1st (remembering all those in our families and faith community who have died); and Veteran's Day on the 11th (taking time to reflect on the sacrifices made to preserve our heritage of freedom).

**Prayer Concerns:** Mike Dignin; Scott Trender; Jen Whitman; Mindy Johnson; Dave Sandvik; Laurel Bornholtz; Helen Claassen.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:** Move Jill Sandvik to follow Treasurer's Report.

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Cheryl Skrypez made a motion to approve the October Council minutes; 2nd by Kathy Stickler. Voted on and carried.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Patsy Olson

Written report handed out. Fund balances as follows: Benevolence: \$2,797.07; Current: negative \$56,743.39; Special Designated: \$87,001.06; Capital: \$101,192.38.

*Joni Geppert made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Craig Lofdahl. Voted on and carried.*

**2019 Budget:** Jill Sandvik

Preliminary Budget Reports were handed out to be looked at before December meeting when more accurate reports will be available. Discussion ensued. Regarding the deficit, a letter should be sent to the congregation and a report put into the Steppingstone. It was suggested that it be put out to the congregation all of the things that have been done and events that have taken place this past year.

**Pastor's Reports:**

Pastor Jim:

Written report handed out. Music Festival & Auction was on October 13 with proceeds of \$6001.50; Trunks 'n' Treats took place on October 27 with 23 decorated cars and nearly 400 kids attending (largest attendance to date). It was decided not to continue the Chili Feed that followed.

Seven young women were confirmed on October 28.

*Patsy Olson made a motion to approve the following for the Rite of Confirmation: Macy Anderson, Samara Bourgoin, Tiffany Rice, Tori Shegog, Mira Stearns, Ella Stegner, and Marcy Whitman; 2nd by Ted Field. Voted on and carried.*

The 20th Annual Holly Boutique was on November 10 with very good attendance. Still in a holding pattern with Schifsky on the parking lot repairs due to scheduling conflicts this past week. The Choir Director position has been filled by Kari Ballata Hosmer. Still seeking a Bell Choir Director. Andrew has had a positive impact on social media events.

Pastor Juli:

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

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

Stewardship - Patsy Olson

Trunks 'n' Treats was successful, but more help is needed going forward with indoor activities. Children and youth numbers are growing.

*Patsy Olson made a motion to approve all pastors and ministry reports; 2nd by Jodi Millard. Voted on and carried.*

### **New Business:**

Live Nativity Report: Patsy Olson

Need to get more sign-ups for December 22 and will check with Christ the Servant. Steve Holtz will play piano on both nights. Have a call out to FFC to help with costuming and staging. Photo booth will be there. A suggestion was made to illuminate the trail from the church to the Nativity. Recruiting volunteers to help.

Annual Reports Due - Ted Field

Reminder that Annual Reports from ministry teams are due before the end of the year.

### **Old Business:**

Parking Lot repairs update: Pastor Jim

See update in Pastor Jim's report.

Trunks 'n' Treats Report - Pastor Jim

See update in Pastor Jim's report.

Ted Field adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm with no objections.

Next Council meeting – Monday, December 10, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan Duchene