

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Council meeting minutes -7/13/2021

Revised 8/16/21

Ken Smith Called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM via zoom.

Attendance:

Pastor Jim Woodruff, Betsy Clark, Paul Colaizy, Kristen Duffy, Marta Hohnstadt, Patsy Olson, Chris Sheldon, Ted & Peggy Schaff, Ken Smith.

Absent: Mira Stearns, Abby Ternus, Terry Cinis.

Devotions: Pastor Jim Woodruff- His hand in Mine. God is in charge; we need to trust that. (paraphrasing)

Prayer concerns: Maris Cinis, regarding his lung collapse and cancer, JoAnn & David Zacho and family over the death of their Father Vern Zacho.

A motion was made by Patsy Olson, seconded by Marta Hohnstadt to approve the June council minutes. Voted on and carried.

Adjustment to the agenda- none

Treasurers Report – Patsy Olson AS OF JUNE 21 TREASURERS REPORT

		21-Jun	Budgeted	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/ expense				
Totals				
			\$	\$
100 income account	\$ 19,931.87		34,171.21	(14,239.34)
			\$	\$
Total 200 Budgeted Expenses	\$ 36,785.39		35,709.82	1,075.57
			\$	\$
Total expense	\$ 36,785.39		35,709.82	1,075.57
			\$	\$
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (16,853.52)		(1,538.61)	(15,314.91)
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500 Benevolence Fund				
			\$	\$
Total Income	\$ 1,087.90		1,533.33	(455.43)
510 Expenses Benevolence Fund				
			\$	\$
Total Expenses	\$ 1,165.00		1,462.50	297.50
			\$	\$
Net ordinary Income	\$ (77.10)		70.83	(147.93)

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Cash Reserve Fund			
Net income	\$ 23,526.53	\$ 23,641.21	
600 Capital Fund			
Total 601 Capital Fund		\$	\$
Income	\$ 1,713.34	2,950.00	(1,236.65)
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605 Capital Fund Expenses	\$ 49,345.10	\$ 3,833.33	\$ 45,511.77
Total Expense	\$ 49,345.10	\$ 3,833.33	\$ 45,511.77
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (47,631.75)	\$ (833.33)	\$ (46,748.42)
Net income	\$ (47,631.75)	\$ (883.33)	\$ (46,748.42)
Total Assets	\$ 2,561,996.32		
Total liabilities & Equity	\$ 2,561,996.32		

The Current Fund negative balance was expected but it was noted that the negative is about \$20,000 less than the same date 2020. It was mentioned that when a new Children, Youth and Families Ministries Director is chosen, St Stephen should make every effort to offer a salary near the midrange of the synod guidelines. Collectively all Funds are as expected except for the Furnace Phase 1 expenses. Motion to accept the Treasure Report was made by Chris Sheldon and approved by Betsy Clark.

Pastors Report – Pastor Jim Woodruff report was received. In person attendance has increased to 110. Digital viewing has come down. Audio/ video systems will be installed, up and running starting July 18th. It was discussed regarding misc. new expenses with the Video Program, AKA more microphones, replacing speakers ETC.

Continuing Covid procedures were discussed. Vaccination rates in Ramsey county have reached about 80%. In general St Stephen continues to follow Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines. Pastor Jim made a motion that we drop most Covid 19 related restrictions at St. Stephen while continuing to follow MDH guidelines such as masking. The motion carried ~~unanimously~~ with one dissenting vote. One result is that we will open up seating in the sanctuary immediately for worship services (no blocked rows). Discussion regarding masking was held. St. Stephen follows MDH (and CDC) guidelines which as of July 12th strongly recommend (but do not require) that anyone who is not fully vaccinated continue to wear face coverings indoors. Hand sanitizer will still be made available.

Paige Carter has stepped down from her position as contemporary service director and will not be returning effective end of June. It was discussed that the 9:30 service will continue as is and will be revisited next January 2022. Zach Van Dyke was interested in taking on the Video Director new position, details to come next month. Pastor Julie has resumed her visitations. It was discussed that now would be a good time to review combining positions within the Ministry Teams. Details to be worked out.

There is a party for Melissa on July 21st After service 5:30 – 6:00 pm it includes BBQ, & Ice Cream. There is a card for Melissa, please sign it.

Motion was made by Ted Schaff to accept the Pastor Report, 2nd by Patsy Olson

Ken Smith presented the Synod “Planting Hope” Council Presentation. Ken agreed to gather and provide to council for the August meeting more detail on the actual planned spending in this campaign as the video did not provide this information.

A discussion was held regarding the continuing furnace projects, roofing and cement work needed to be completed vs doing the planting hope project. Ken, Ted and Pastor Jim will be working on those details. Further discussion will be coming.

Betsy brought up planning for rally service, September 12th. Thoughts were to develop a Welcome Back Theme Picnic following service, details to come. Music for the 3rd Sunday of the month needed to be filled. Children’s Sunday school will be during the 9:30 service with adult forum and fellowship to follow morning service.

Senior Choir is starting again. A new Contemporary service was discussed with no specific motions or actions. It will be revisited later this fall..

No old business

Meeting as adjourned by Ken Smith

Pastor Jim lead the Lords Prayer for closing the meeting.

Next meeting is August 9th. Depending on fall event discussions