

Council Minutes

July 15, 2024

Attending: Dan Strehlow, Dolores Pemble, Alex Zuzek, Dave Fry, Jen Klos, Warren Thomas, Pastor Geier, Lois Twedt.

Call to Order by President Dan Strehlow at 6:02 p.m.

Secretary's Report, Lois Twedt

Alex made a motion and Dolores seconded the motion to accept the Secretary's Report as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer Dolores Pemble

No Council Action Required

The Finance Ministry Team met via zoom on Monday July 8, 2024. We reviewed the June Financials and after some discussion and updating they were approved. We discussed the audit final details and the councils' wish to have the audit completed prior to the February annual meeting. Final adjustments to the garage /plant sale figures were discussed. We also had an update on the Completing the Dream fund and how it will be included in our balance sheet. Our August meeting will be approving the July Finances via email and no formal meeting will be held.

Dave made a motion and Alex seconded the motion to accept the June Financial Report. The motion passed.

Vice President Alex Zuzek

No Council Action Required

Building and Grounds are being active through individual task being done as needed. Al Todnem is diligent about trimming the front shrubbery facing 15th St. and weeding the courtyard in preparation for VBS and other social events that take people out there.

The achievement of Complete the Dream coming to pass has put the B & G team on high alert to see that the SW wing gets cleared of all that is in it and relocated to other parts of the church. Thursday July 11 a large group of people will physically move many things to new locations.

The 3 new windows have arrived for the old sanctuary's east windows. They will be installed by volunteer labor headed by Dan Strehlow and assisted by Bill Pavlish or Steve Wolverton. This was a significant purchase but was needed to keep the building in adequate repair.

Countless tasks are forever in view for Buildings and Grounds. Thanks to its team and those who support it.

Serving Ministry Report—Dave Fry

No Council Action Required

Fellowship Ministry

*We are looking for a New Members co-chair to serve with Glenda--duties 2x year. Dolores has offered to help with this.

*The committee was looking for ideas for entertainment for Philadazzle on Dec. 1. Camille has been in contact with Chris Falteisek about the possibility of him providing music themed “Christmas Around the World”.

*The Blood Mobile is August 22 and the team is looking for volunteers.

*LeDuc Pie in the Park is August 25.

Stewardship

Stewardship is thinking about its theme for 2025. We know we’ll have a pancake breakfast again. Our date is not on the calendar but I’m hoping for it to be Dec. 8, pending clearance with the office.

HR Report—Natalie Carda

No Council Action Required

The HR Committee did not meet this month.

Worship Ministry Report— Maria Gathje

No Council Action Required.

There was no Worship & Music committee in July. They will resume in August.

Learning Ministries Report –Jen Klos

No Council Action Required

Preschool:

No meeting this month.

ASG:

No meeting this month.

Faith Formation:

We discussed Sunday school for fall. We will be running 3 classes on Sunday mornings. One class for 5th graders, and the rest will be divided into two classes-- a younger class and older class. Due to numbers, dividing them this way children will have a chance to interact with more students and allow teachers to team teach.

We will also be exploring ways to get more adults into the Sunday school classrooms as helpers. We believe having adults more involved in Sunday School will result in the children being excited to interact with grown-ups at church.

Pre-planning for Rally Day was discussed.

VBS plans and changes, that have been made, were discussed.

Interserve:

Report from Nick:

I'm approaching 2 full months at St Philip's, and it has been a blessing to be here. On top of my regular duties as interim CYF director, I have been spending time getting to know the people of this congregation and become familiar with your shared story. I have felt welcomed and supported from the beginning; many thanks.

Programming responsibilities have been fairly light during the summer (which has been great for allowing me to get settled in, and take a pre-planned vacation in June). We had the Blessing of the Graduates last month, which went well. I've also been working to support Becky in preparing for VBS next week.

I've met with the Faith Formation team twice, and our main focus was on VBS and early Rally Day preparations. We also discussed organizing a youth fellowship event in October. Still in the brainstorming phase; more details to follow.

Our Discovery Team had its second official meeting this last Tuesday. So far we've discussed SPLC's "Faith Assets"--what qualities and values are strongly supported by the congregation, staff, and programming. We also talked this week about Mission, Vision, and Values, and where CYF ministry has opportunities to grow more deeply into SPLC's mission. At our next meeting in late August, we'll be drafting congregational surveys, which will be available for completion in the weeks after Rally Day in September.

Communication/Marketing/Tech Report – Warren Thomas

No Council Action Required

CMT did not meet. There is nothing new to report.

Warren worked with Hastings Community TV to provide them with the necessary electrical hook-up to successfully televise the Hastings 4th of July parade.

Pastor Geier – July 2024 Council Report

- Normal ministry team, contemplative prayer meetings (although not all the ministry teams meet during the summer months.)
- Visited nursing home and home bound members and celebrated Holy Communion.
- I led worship at Oak Ridge on June 26th .
- I served on a theological review panel for a candidate joining the ELCA roster from another tradition on June 18th, and met with him to follow up on the 25th.
- The first Campfire Conversations went well on June 19th
- I was very pleased with our outdoor worship on the 23rd and am wondering if there might be value in considering moving it to the pavilion downtown in the future.
- I met with one of the new families joining St. Philip's on June 24th
- I attended the South Conference Meeting on June 27th

On a personal note:

- I had a very enjoyable trip to Alaska but came back under the weather. I am feeling better now.

Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel.

Your Servant in Christ,

Gregory A. Geier, Pastor

Old Business:

The Augsburg Singers will presenting a concert at St. Philip's on October 6, 2024 at 3 p.m.

The Complete the Dream goal was reached. Construction is to begin on Monday, July 29th and near completion on Rally Day, September 8.

New Business:

The Council discussed the possibility of providing an opportunity for Service committees to share information with the congregation on 1 or 2 Sundays in the fall. The purpose would be to allow members to learn more about the many ways to be involved at St. Philips.

The neighbors of St. Philip's have asked to use our lawn and parking lot for National Night Out as their street is under construction. Dolores made a motion to allow the neighbors to use our property. Alex seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Alex and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Submitted by Lois Twedt, Secretary