**ST. PHILIP’S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**6180 HIGHWAY 65 NE**

**FRIDLEY, MINNESOTA 55432**

**Board of Administration Meeting Minutes**

**November 24, 2015**

**6:45pm**

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

**1. Devotions –** Kathy Pullen - Thanksgiving text from Christ in Our Home; focus on Matthew 6:25-34

Members in Attendance

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| Ron Ackerman |  | Gary Blomster | x | | Kathy Pullen | x |
| Mike Youngberg | x | Phyllis Ehlers | | x | Val Sperry | x |
| Howard Thompson | x | Dawn Hansen | |  | Pastor Joel | x |
| Angela Anderson |  | Brad Heitland | |  | Jeannine Arcand | x |

**2. Approve Agenda and Minutes**

1. October 2015 Meeting Minutes – M/S/C
2. November 2015 Agenda – M/S/C

**3. New Member/transfers**

No changes this month; new members will be received the weekend of December 5-6.

**4. All Committee Reports**

**Committee Meeting Minutes submitted**

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| Benevolence & Social Concerns | X | Financial Management | X | Property & Grounds | X |
| Education |  | HR |  | Worship, Music & Arts |  |
| Evangelism | X | Parish Fellowship |  | Youth | X |

Other Meeting Minutes submitted in November:

1. Heritage Committee
2. Endowment Fund Committee
3. Global Mission Team

**5. New Business**

1. Financial Report – M/S/C

* Budget for October - $53,174 Income/ $62,303 Expenses
* Actual for October - $61,253 Income/ $68,394 Expenses
* YTD Budget – $629,649 Income/ $668,201 Expenses
* YTD Actual - $641,629 Income / $660,326 Expenses
* Building for the Future: $150,257 received YTD.

1. Global Missions Team
   * Possible mission in Costa Rica in partnership with Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids
   * Phyllis Ehlers presented the concept and details to the Board.
   * ILCO (Costa Rican Lutheran Church) is the country’s Lutheran Church.
   * In October, Amada Marquez represented St. Philip’s in Costa Rica on a fact-finding trip to visit ILCO with Faith Lutheran - Coon Rapids and St. Paul’s Lutheran - Minneapolis.
   * Proposal is for St. Philip’s to join the partnership with ILCO, Faith, and St. Paul’s. Global Missions Team requests the Board’s approval to join this partnership; there is no monetary commitment.
   * Mission trip and partnership opportunities will be available for St. Philip’s.
   * ILCO does not engage in making covenants, but is looking for ELCA churches to walk with them, according to the ELCA’s global mission accompaniment model
   * Motion: St. Philip’s will partner with ILCO (Costa Rican Lutheran Church), Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Minneapolis in the mission field in Costa Rica. - M/S/C

**6. Old Business**

1. NCD Update - *The Story* continues.
2. Capital Funds update – See Financial Report
3. Nominating Committee -

BOA to appoint 1 position from outside the BOA

* Ron Ackerman is in conversation with a possible

BOA to appoint 2 positions with Potential Outgoing BOA members as follows:

* Gary Blomster in ineligible to serve on Nominating Committee as he served last year
* Ron Ackerman and Phyllis Ehlers are confirmed offgoing Board members
* Appointment to happen in December

1. Stewardship
   * Live Free campaign follow up letter to be sent to members the first week of December
   * Follow-up calls to be made later in December
   * Budget Committee will be forming in December to create 2016 budget proposal
2. **Upcoming Dates:**

* January 2016: St. Philip’s will host Nigerian Theologian-in-Residence, Pastor Ibrahim Bitrus. He will be on-site during the entire month and Pastor Ibrahim will partake and lead various ministry opportunities in the life of the congregation.
* Global Mission Festival: January 16-17, 2016
* Annual Meeting: February 7, 2016

1. **Next Board Meeting:** December 15, 2015 - 6:45 PM

Devotions – Val Sperry