

# BOA Minutes for March 27, 2023

## 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.*

## Attendance

x Barbara   x Kari   x Judy   x Aaron   x Terry   x Dianne  
x Tom   x Brian   x Kristine   x Greg   x Pastor Matt   Pastor Eric  
x Katie

## Devotions—Aaron

1. **Approvals**—February BOA meeting minutes approved with correction. Line 16 should read: “We have an estimate for smoke detectors for the new building.”  
Agenda for March 2023—approved.

## Committee Reports

2. SPDR—Katie  
April disaster relief trip to Waverly, TN. See March Committee Reports.
3. P & G—Katie  
Seeking grant from Anoka County to purchase hand dryers for all restrooms and water filling stations to replace water fountains,  
Making queries about removal and replacement of old air conditioner in Room 3.
4. Garden--Kristine  
Report from last month stands. Garden group bulletin board will feature photos of the garden and the gardeners.

## Congregational Life Events in March—Barbara

Released by death--Bonnie Finlayson (November 2022)

## Financial Report—Greg

It was a good month. We took in \$76,618.

## FYT--Business Manager's Report—Katie

1. All the Snowplow Budget for the year has been spent. We will apply for “garage sale” money.
2. Endowment funding is for internal betterment. Greg spoke to the Endowment Committee about increasing the distribution rate. Currently, it is at 4%. The rate could increase to 10%. There is a chance that the principle will go down. We wouldn't be able to take out 10% every year. This conversation is just at the idea stage.
3. Our boiler is almost 20 years old. It has been leaking water. There is no water on the outside, so it might be the core. The boiler is functioning but is losing water. We don't where the water is going, and we don't know whether the core has a warrantee.

## **Pastor's Report--Pastor Matt**

1. Pastoral Acts: Pr. Matt officiated a funeral offsite at Parkway Theatre. Three hundred + people attended, who aren't parishioners.
2. Connecting with members: Pr. Matt describes three congregations within St. Philip's: the regulars, the online viewers (50-100 views for every service), and those who attend sometimes in person and sometimes view from home. Pr. Matt wants to visit with the third group to figure out a hybrid ministry.

### **Main Portfolio Areas:**

- A. Constitution—in process with the Synod.
  1. New goal – June
  2. congregational meeting – one issue, between services.
- B. Worship:
  1. New liturgy. The choir is doing a great job leading the change.
  2. Moss/Kurtz fund for new projectors.
  3. Attendance numbers rising. We recently had our largest in-house single Sunday attendance of 130 combined at both services.
  4. New Worship Assistants
  5. Our new organist fell and sprained her wrist. We will arrange for substitute organists.
- C. Stewardship: Planning to send a reminder appeal in May for the General Fund.
- D. Evangelism:
- E. Discipleship: Three years ago, at the beginning of the pandemic, we held our first Tuesday prayer service. Currently, attendance has been low, so we are planning a change. On the first Wednesday of each month, there will be a 6 p.m. prayer service in the chapel.
- F. Staff
  1. Pr. Eric--New members class on March 26; reception on April 16.
  2. Connie, CYF – First Communion, Psalm Sunday Music, Vacation Bible Camp
- G. Misc
  1. Fundraisers in the Narthex policy request
  2. Ministry Imagination Grants team

### **Old Business—None**

### **New Business—Narthex Policy Update**

It was moved, seconded, and approved that we table the Narthex Policy Update until the May meeting when we might have more responses from committees.

### **How have we furthered the ministry of St. Philip's? —All**

We concluded the meeting on time. We learned about people, programs, and committees.