

BOA Minutes for October 23, 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

☒ Barbara ☒ Kari ☒ Judy ☒ Aaron ☒ Terry ☐ Dianne
☒ Tom ☐ Brian ☒ Kristine ☒ Greg ☒ Pastor Matt ☐ Pr. Eric
☒ Katie

Devotions—Judy

Approvals—BOA September meeting minutes -- approved with corrections.

This sentence will be added to the September minutes: “Pastor Eric talked about the Attendance Growth Projector Survey taken during the BOA retreat. The survey comes from *The Scrappy Church*.”

Agenda for October -- approved.

Committee Reports

1. SPDR—Katie – Rebuilt homes in and around Mayfield, KY, damaged in the 2021 tornado.
2. P & G—Katie – The new garage dedication went well. Twenty-five people, including some members of Amazing Grace, worked hard at fall cleanup day. We can see the lake now because workers cleaned up the lakeside.
3. Garden—Kristine -- Harvest was abundant. The group has planted a fall garden with radishes, collards, and garlic. The gardeners are looking forward to the blessing of the garden in the spring.

Congregational Life Events in September—Barbara

Transferred: Janet Reiersen and Judith Bergeland

Released by death—Thelma Nash and Kenneth Munsterman

Finances-- Greg

Income was \$57,000, and expenses were \$45,000, so we were ahead by \$11,000.

This year we were able to pay our \$2,000 commitment to the Sacks, the missionaries we support, in September rather than December.

FYI--Business Manager's Report—Katie

1. Benefits for staff—all signed up.
2. New staff member—Paten Swenstad was hired for janitorial work three hours a day on specific days.
3. Katie has been working hard on putting together a budget for St. Philip's, and she taught us how to read it. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report--Pastor Matt

- I. Pastoral Acts
 - A. There has been more pastoral counseling.
 - B. Pastor Margie is making her visits.
- II. Matt's main portfolio areas
 - A. Constitution – in process with the Synod.
 1. Copies are available in the office or on the Members Only page of the website.
 2. A congregational meeting will be between the services on November 12 to discuss and vote on the Constitution.
 3. The biggest changes to the constitution are regarding disciplinary actions, committees, and boards. While certain things are required by the Synod to be in the Constitution, other items can still be changed by the congregation.
 - B. Worship
 1. More new visitors.
 2. The preaching series in October is on *The Scrappy Church*.
 3. Choir and handbell together
 4. Fall of 2024 – after the organ is refurbished: have an organ concert.
 - C. Stewardship
 1. Envelopes will be going out bimonthly.
 2. Annual Fall Appeal
 - a) November 12 & 19
 - b) Theme—Love God; Love Neighbor—Luke 10: 25-28
 - c) Areas of emphasis
 - (1) Staff
 - (2) Technology
 - (3) Evangelism
 3. Building for the Future 2 reminder in Spring 2024.
 - D. Evangelism/New Members
 1. Wonderful new member class of 11 (3-4 families)
 2. New advertising team
 3. Outreach plan
 4. Welcome statement & team. Working on an LGBTQIA welcome
 - a) Invitations are going out.
 - b) Pr. Matt will be host; facilitator will be from sister congregation.
 - E. Discipleship
 1. Tuesdays Together – Pastoral Letters – Ecclesiastes
 2. Meadowood Shores -Genesis
 3. Small Groups

2) This is Most Certainly Brew, Pr. Matt's adult catechism class to be held twice on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 a.m. at Perkins and at 7 p.m. at the Lost Star Tap room.

Old Business—

65th Anniversary—There is a lack of interest, and traditionally the 75th is the year most commonly celebrated.

New Business—

1. Nominations—Aaron has nearly completed the roster of nominees for the February annual meeting.
2. Voted on December meeting dates—It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to move the December BOA meeting from Christmas day to December 18. That means the Executive meeting will be on December 11.
3. Budget—Katie has been working hard on putting together a budget for St. Philip's, and she taught us how to read and understand it. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.
4. Greg spoke with Ralph Peterson about the possibility of our church hosting a Lutheran college choir. The church pays the choir, and the church keeps the ticket money.

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

We got the first look at the 23-24 plan of spending for St. Philip's.

We also got the first look at the nominations for the 23-24 BOA.

Closing--The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Adjourn