

BOA Minutes for December 18, 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 ☒ Pr. Matt ☐ Pr. Eric ☒ Katie

Devotions— Barbara

Approvals—BOA November 20, 2023, meeting minutes, approved with corrections.

Agenda for January 22, 2024, approved.

Committee Reports

1. SPDR—Katie
2. P & G—Katie
The committee did not meet in December.
Katie had to buy a new hot water heater for the kitchen today. The old one stopped working over the weekend.
3. Garden--Kristine
The group has started planning for next year, including deciding on new things to plant.

Congregational Life Events in December—Barbara

None

Finances—Greg Where are we now?

1. \$65K received in offerings in 2023.
2. There should be a jump in giving around Christmas.
3. We are in the black.
4. The only benevolence item left is the one to the Synod.

FYI--Business Manager's Report—Katie

1. We have the YouTube channel up and ready for streaming. Viewers will be able to like, subscribe, or share.
2. Katie has gone through the list of members receiving offering envelopes by mail and found quite a lot whom we haven't heard from in a long time. There were also many we haven't heard from in a shorter time. She sent these folks letters, asking whether they want to continue receiving offering envelopes. Katie was able to trim the mailing list.

Pastor's Report--Pastor Matt

- I. Pastoral Acts—Pr. Matt & Pr. Eric—pastoral counseling
Pr. Margie has been in the hospital and is now recuperating at Benedictine in New Brighton.
- II. Pr. Matt's main portfolio areas
 - A. Prep for annual meeting
 - B. Worship
 - 1. Christmas Eve/ Day schedule
 - 2. Amazing Christmas Pageant
 - 3. Wonderful Christmas Concert
 - 4. More new visitors
 - 5. Numbers still up
 - 6. Trying more contemporary liturgy at 10:30
 - 7. Dec. 31, Mike Youngberg will lead the service of the Word.
 - 8. January – Setting V for 9:00 a.m.
 - 9. Fall 2024 – Planning an organ concert (after the organ is repaired).
 - C. Stewardship
 - 1. General Fund awareness
 - 2. Building for the Future reminder in the spring of 2024
 - D. Evangelism/New Members
 - 1. Scheduled new member classes.
 - 2. New member Sunday
 - 3. New advertising team
 - 4. Outreach plan
 - 5. Welcome statement & team.
 - a) Invitations are going out.
 - b) Pr. Matt will be the host. There will be a facilitator from a sister congregation.
 - E. Discipleship
 - 1. Tuesdays Together – Corinthians
 - 2. Meadowood Shores – Genesis
 - 3. Small Groups
 - a) This is Most Certainly Brew – good turnout.
 - b) No interest in breakfast meeting time, so going with evening in the tap room,
 - F. Synod
 - 1. SPLCMN – need delegates.
 - 2. Conference Assemblies
 - 3. New Bishop election
 - 4. Delegates to the next National Assembly
 - 5. At the congregational level, Pastor Matt is conference dean.
 - 6. National level has decision-making ability.
 - 7. Pastors are required to go to the Conference meeting locally.
 - 8. Representatives to the National Assembly will be elected.

Old Business—

Nominations are looking good. Only one position is still open.

New Business—

None

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

We are celebrating a budget surplus and getting ready for the annual meeting.

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.

Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.