

St Matthew Lutheran Church Council Report

April 18, 2023

Members present: Frank Anders, Dan Fassio, Phil Gomez, Mark Hearn, Adriene Iverson, Jessica Kelley, Bill Kopper, Brian Lechner, Shelley Pattison, Sherry Whitmarsh

Members absent: Nancy Schott

Phil Gomez called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and Pastor Rustin opened in prayer.

The March minutes were approved as presented.

There was discussion about moving the offering for Christmas from the Mission Committee to Council. The rubric presented by the Mission Committee looks good.

Saint Matthew is part of ThisSpace beta testing for renting space. One new reservation has already occurred.

The new service started April 16 with 41 participants.

Mission Strategic Planning is underway with staff with Pastor Rustin coaching the process and individual staff members.

Bill Kopper presented the Q1 Financial Review. Deficit is about \$17,000 for the first quarter compared to an anticipated deficit of \$41,000. Plant Occupancy and Admin are over because of PushPay licensing and purchasing. Cash on Hand is \$484,032.52. We will be saving \$18,000 for virtual assistant and \$4,500 for Children's Ministry due to reducing benefits. There is also a \$22,500 expense reduction.

The Easter appeal brought in \$20,585 as of yesterday. No changes were made to review the Easter funding.

There was discussion of nominating committee role and how people are nominated to the congregation. There was a suggestion of a task force. The Council reps are Phil Gomez, Mark Hearn, and Sherry Whitmarsh. There was also a suggestion to ask Nominating committee chair, Carolyn Briere.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Whitmarsh
Secretary