

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Mission: We INVITE all; We GROW in Faith; We GO to share God's love and grace

MINUTES from: Monday, April 17, 2023 (prepared by Wanda Bock)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P= Present A=Absent Z=Zoom

Jodi Babineau-P	Jack Berkseth-P	Wanda Bock-P	Pat McCann-P
Bill Evans-P	Ted Hakala-P	Bun Hanson-P	
Audrey Kusilek-P	Dave Myre-P	Tammy Roberg-P	
Mike Diercks-P	Mackenzie Narins-A	Tammy Lundquist- P	

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Arthur

PREPARATION:

Devotions/Installation: Pastor Arthur led us in devotions and the installation of new council members, Tammy Lundquist and Pat McCann. He went over expectations for Christian Leaders.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns.

Pastor Arthur offered an opening prayer.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda. BH/DM. Motion passes.

Approval of Council Minutes March 21, 2023: Motion to approve the minutes. TH/MD. Motion passes.

Approval of Email Vote on April 6, 2023: Motion to approve email vote on April 6th approving the posting for Administrative Assistant. JB/JB. Motion passes.

Financial Reports: Deb reported the financials are being worked on. Right now it looks like we are about \$39,000 behind in our total budgeted giving. Wendy will be coming to report after tax season is over. A question was asked about the new projector and what account it should have been paid out of. Deb will check into it. Deb handed out a giving reconciliation diagram. Motion to accept financials. BE/TR. Motion passes.

Guest committee: None

CLOSED SESSION

OLD BUSINESS

Investing Designated Funds: Pastor Arthur and Audrey spoke with the Finance Committee about investing some of our designated funds as we discussed last month. The Finance Committee is not prepared to do that at this time with all of the staffing changes. It would require time to reconcile these accounts in Shelby and they don't feel it's worth the time it would take to do this. Hopefully we can revisit this at a later date.

Staffing Recommendations From ETC: Ted reported we have hired Lee Shores to help with cleaning. She will work approximately 20 hours per week. We will probably need to look for another person to help with some of the heavier tasks and jobs that Lee will not be able to do. There will be money left in the budget for this. Dave reported that the Property Committee is considering what jobs/maintenance around the church this other person would do.

Lock-up Procedure: Motion to accept the new procedure for lock-up. JB/BH. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Acknowledgement of First Communicants: The following people took instruction from Pastor Arthur prior to Maundy Thursday and have taken first communion since then.

Sophiya Anderson · Audrey Brunclik · Nora Brunclik

Danika Drost · Collin Drost · Jarek Estreen · Chase Jako · Mason Jako

Carter LaPoint · Chase LaPoint · Brynna Mommsen · Ehlowyn Murphy

Jordy Musil · Henry Sommerfeld · Jack Sommerfeld

Quarterly Informational Meetings: We have not had our first quarterly meeting due to all of the staff transitions. When would be a good time? After discussion we decided to wait a couple of months and make it a mid-year celebration on June 4th. Bun, Tammy R, and Ted volunteered to help with planning.

Motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. BE/TH. Motion passes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Cemetery Cleanup: We are waiting for word from the city that they are ready to start cleanup. Pastor Arthur will make an announcement in church asking for volunteers. Bun will call the city to check on the status. Using the sign up genius might be helpful.

Recognition of Pastor Peter's Assignment: We want to recognize and congratulate Pastor Peter on his appointment to Rear Admiral in the United States Navy. We would like to invite him to come and preach this summer and have a reception for him.

REPORTS:

Staff Reports: See staff and committee reports.

Meeting adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETINGS:

May Council Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2023 5:30 p.m.

May Exec Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023

May Devotions: Jodi Babineau

May Offering/Lock-up: 8:00 Mike Diercks

10:00 Jodi Babineau