

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Council Minutes: 4/15/2025

Call to Order: President, Cindy Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:37pm

Opening Prayer or Devotion: Bethany Uhl

Quorum Call: President Cindy Monroe, Vice President Gail Goldsmith, Pastor Paul Busekist, Interim-Treasurer Dave Peppler, Financial Secretary Jim Monroe, Secretary Paul Wiemerslage, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne, Peggy Burns, Bethany Uhl, Doug Cunningham, Tina Dohm Excused: Denice Bossardt

Approval of the Minutes from the March 18 2025 meeting: Moved and approved.

Visitor Comments: None.

Reports:

Pastor Paul, Financial Secretary Jim, Treasurer Dave. Please see written reports for detail.

Committee Reports to Be Filed:

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| A. Christian Care            | E. Personnel         | I. Lower Level |
| B. Christian Education/Youth | F. Property          |                |
| C. Fellowship                | G. Stewardship       |                |
| D. Membership and Evangelism | H. Worship and Music |                |

URGENT BUSINESS:

- A. Motion: Bethany moves to approve BLC member's one-time request to designate Thrivent Choice dollars to basement fund. Motion carries.
- B. Discussion: RE: Deposit check from Solar panel refund ONLY AFTER consultation with Huntington bank representative Brenda, and council then to prioritize spending of funds after completing payment for basement (repair/replace entrance cement, replace flooring both main bathrooms, complete floor care on remaining main floor tiles, replacement of all round tables)
- C. Motion: Jana moves to authorize mission endowment and sustaining endowment committees to begin process of merging. Motion carries.
- D. Discuss: Update of BLC Constitution. Paul will send revision to Dave.
- E. Motion: Jana moves to renew Sequestered Cash CD at Huntington Bank maturing on 4/30/25 for another 5 months. Motion carries.
- F. Motion: Doug moves to give half of donations (\$150) from living last supper to back to living last supper group and other half (\$150) to project feed the kids. Motion carries.
- G. Motion: Gail moves to give half of fellowship donation (\$182) back to fellowship committee and half (\$182) to baby pantry. Motion carries.

New Business:

- A. Nominations for council for 2025-2026.
- B. Summer volunteer opportunities: Cherry Festival, Safe Harbor, Freedom Builders
- C. Group training opportunity regarding I.C.E. moved to executive discussion.
- D. Ayers basement work needs schedule regarding BLC staff working hours.

Old Business:

- A. Replacement/repair of cement in front entry (many uneven/broken areas – 2<sup>nd</sup> estimate - \$8000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> estimate slightly lower) Carl still needs to check work of 3<sup>rd</sup> business. Use funds from solar rebate or can it wait until 2026?
- B. Status of rebate application (Jim)
- C. OTP update: Prince of Egypt auditions for community chorus will be held here the evenings of June 4-6, 6:30-9am.
- D. BLC was offered as site for synod meeting. Not chosen for 2026, but, name will be kept for future consideration.

Members' Comments: A time of general/undocumented comments by each, if desired.

Lord's Prayer: said by all

Adjournment: 8:19pm