

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Council Minutes: 5/20/2025

Call to Order: President, Cindy Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Opening Prayer or Devotion: Gail Goldsmith

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, Bethany Uhl, Doug Cunningham, Tina Dohm, Denice Bossardt Excused: Peggy Burns

Approval of the Minutes from the April 16, 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:

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.** Gail moves to approve slate of candidates for council/endowment committees:
Doug Cunningham, Bethany Uhl, Jana Rockne for 3 yr terms, John Halstead and Nancy Pflasterer for 2 yr terms. Jim Hutchison, Jay Pflasterer, and Patty Leibenguth for Mission Endowment. Paul Ton and Dale Wentzloff for Sustaining Endowment. Motion carries.
- B.** Discuss: status of update of BLC Constitution. New goal set to send updated constitution to synod in fall with potential congregational vote at winter meeting.

New Business:

- A. Summer volunteer opportunities: Cherry Festival, Safe Harbor, Freedom Builders
- B. FYI: possibility of necessity to have "motion to suspend the rules" during congregational meeting in order to elect to 2-year council terms.
- C. FYI: availability of grants and rebates to make BLC more GREEN especially with LED lights. Deadline for Light and Power grant too soon for amount of work to be done, will reassess possibility of submitting a later grant. Doug and Paul meeting with KEEN to gather more information about services. Likely require a subcommittee (Green Team) to help keep momentum.

Old Business:

- A. Replacement/repair of cement in front entry (many uneven/broken areas-2nd estimate-\$8,000, and 3rd estimate slightly lower) Carl still needs to check work of 3rd business. Use funds from Solar rebate or can it wait until 2026?
- B. Status of rebate application (Jim)
- C. OTP update: auditions for community chorus will be held here the evenings of June 4-6, 6:30-9.

Rehearsals on July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Aug 5, 12 and 14.

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

Lord's Prayer: said by all

Adjournment: 8:02pm