

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025**

Council Minutes: 2/18/25

Call to Order: President, Cindy Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:36pm

Opening Prayer or Devotion: Pastor Paul

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

Additions/changes to the Agenda:

- Safety and Security
- Building use
- Bishop Eaton

Approval of the Minutes from the Jan 21, 2025 meeting: Moved and approved.

Visitor Comments:

Reports:

Pastor's report, financial secretary's report, and treasurer's report: 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: Gail moves to allow St. Andrew's Scottish Society of Northern Michigan free use of the fellowship hall for 1 year (as was done for Contra dance group) for 4-6 meetings to attempt to establish core attendance and income from Scottish Country Folk Dancing. Jim and Cindy Monroe will be BLC members in attendance. Motion carries.
- B.** Motion: Denise moves to approve Vision Team Mission Statement and key points of vision statement. Motion carries
- C.** Motion: Grant vision team decision-making power with the \$25,000 that was set aside from sale of the house. Tabled.

**New Business:**

- A. Motion: Jana moves to approve for resumption of membership: Gail Tokie. Motion carries.
- B. Bethany moves to approve updated General Facility Use and Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Use Guidelines. Motion carries.
- C. Update provided on Bishop Eaton. Bethany will investigate how to support Lutheran efforts helping marginalized, underserved, and needy, including refugees.

**Old Business:**

- A. 2-year goal of revision of BLC constitution (Paul W). Tabled.

- B. Replacement/repair of cement in front entry (many uneven/broken areas-2<sup>nd</sup> estimate-\$8,000, and 3<sup>rd</sup> estimate slightly lower) Tabled.
- C. Status of rebate application (Jim)
- D. OTP update: the partnership will occur for the summer musical, but OTP found a different location for their summer's children's camp

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

Lord's Prayer: said by all

Adjournment: 7:54pm