

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Traverse City, Michigan

"We journey with God to serve with love"

Council Minutes: 10/15/24

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

Opening Prayer or Devotion: Paul Wiemerslage

Quorum Call: President Cindy Monroe, Vice President Gail Goldsmith, Pastor Paul Busekist, Financial Secretary Jim Monroe, Secretary Paul Wiemerslage, Jana Rockne, Peggy Burns, Denice Bossardet, Maureen Bauer, Tina Dohm, Dave Peppler Excused: Scott Farley, Treasurer Gary Ancinec,

Approval of the Minutes from the September 17 ,2024 meeting: Moved and approved.

Visitor Comments: Dave Peppler seeking clarification of role and authority as Interim Treasurer in lieu of Gary Ancinec's eventual resignation. Dave will gain signing authority upon Gary's official resignation.

Reports:

Pastor's report, Treasurer's report, and financial Secretary report: 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. Motion: Gail moves to approve repair/modification of the temperature control system for the sanctuary WIFI at a cost of \$2650 (parts for repair of old system are no longer available). Motion carried.
- B. Motion: Maureen moves to approve the wage recommendations for pastor, staff, and musicians as recommended by the personnel committee in addition to one extra vacation week for pastor Paul. Motion carried.
- C. Motion: Gail moves to approve date for fundraiser for pancake meal hosted by Bethlehem to benefit survivors of the hurricanes with assistance of Thrivent for costs of the meal. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Motion: Maureen moves that in order to realize the full cost saving of the solar system and to follow the recommendation by Chart House, BLC will switch the TC Light and Power meter from "Commercial Demand" to "Commercial" retroactive to Sept. 15. Motion carried.
- B. Does the treasurer have budget requests from all the committees? Waiting on property. Dave will follow up.
- C. Discussion: Does BLC want to help with bringing the Toy Shop to the Dec baby pantry? Location would be needed for the new or like-new items brought in by members. Discussion was tabled.
- D. Motion: Jana moves to allow AA meetings on available Saturday evenings from 8-9pm. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- A. 2-year goal of revision of BLC constitution (Paul W). All drafts complete. Sending to Jana for edits.
- B. Update on provision of IT services for BLC. In progress.
- C. Replacement/repair of cement in front entry (many uneven/broken areas – first estimate \$16,000!!). Awaiting additional quotes and committee recommendations.
- D. Status of rebate application (Jim). Jim will file as soon as books close.
- E. Update on basement. \$55,000 estimated total project cost.

Members' Comments:

Lord's Prayer: said by all

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Wiemerslage