

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Traverse City, Michigan

"We journey with God to serve with love"

Council Minutes: 11/19/24

Call to Order: President, Cindy Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer or Devotion: Jana Rockne

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

Approval of the Minutes from the October 10, 2024 meeting: Moved and approved.

Visitor Comments: Bethany reports on basement project addressing water and asbestos issues and solutions.

Reports:

Pastor's report, Treasurer's report, and financial Secretary 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. Initial pledge update: 88 pledges committed so far (compared to 73 last year). 19 new pledges. \$311,566 total pledged so far. Well above previous year pledges of \$263,340.
- B. Draft 1 of budget update: Finance committee will make recommendation to Executive committee by December 9th. Final version dated for December 18th
- C. Motion: Cindy moves to address identified structural issues within the building. Motion carried.
- D. Motion: Doug moves to pay summit fire protection \$2296.15 for maintenance and compliance of sprinkler system. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Thank you to all who participated in the pancake breakfast to raise funds for hurricane relief, and to those who helped with the arts/crafts show.
- B. Discussion: plants in the gathering space. Tabled until February.
- C. Please try to schedule some time to join in activities of Thursday nights in Advent and Caroling to Shut-in's after the service on Sun Dec. 22.
- D. Brief report from the Visioning session on Sunday

Old Business:

- A. 2-year goal of revision of BLC constitution. Subcommittee will meet to discuss edits and additions before bringing to council.
- B. Any update on provision of IT services for BLC
- C. Replacement/repair of cement in front entry (many uneven/broken areas-2nd estimate-\$8,000!!) Tina Dohm is seeking additional quote.

D. Status of rebate application (Jim)

Members' Comments:

Lord's Prayer: said by all

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Wiemerslage