

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Michigan

“We journey with God to serve with love”

Council Minutes: 6/20/23

CALL TO ORDER President Gail Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

OPENING PRAYER Jana Rockne provided the opening prayer.

QUORUM CALL President Gail Goldsmith, Vice President Maureen Bauer, Secretary Jana Rockne, Scott Farley, Jim Monroe, Cindy Monroe, Laura Hahn, Jim Hinds, Denice Bossardet and Paul Wiemerslage. Leonard Graf and Pastor Paul Busekist were absent.

CONGREGATIONAL AND VISITOR COMMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Cindy moved, Maureen seconded the approval of the agenda. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES Denice moved, Maureen seconded the approval of the minutes from the May meeting following the correction of the spelling of Denice in two areas. Motion passed.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Gail gave thanks to all and reviewed events of the year.

PASTOR’S REPORT Pastor Paul is on sabbatical.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT Maureen did not have a report.

TREASURER’S REPORT Please see written report from Leonard. Leonard was not present so Jim Monroe reviewed the report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT Jim referred council members to his written report. Giving trends are following previous years.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Committee Reports Reports were submitted by the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Christian Education. All were accepted as reported. Please refer to the reports for more details. Additionally, Cindy reported (on behalf of Membership and Evangelism) that about 25% of the listed members of the congregation are not active and do not respond to requests for contact.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Congregational Meeting: Gail reported that Jana will do the opening prayer for the congregational meeting; Gail will lead the Lord’s Prayer at the close of the meeting.
- B. Ad Hoc Committee for funding Security Cameras: Approval of the project is tabled until August. Development of the Ad Hoc Committee will also be tabled until August.

- C. Safety and Security Committee: Evacuation plans are posted in all areas of the church. A list of who to contact in case of an emergency will be posted.
- D. Sabbatical Budget and Update: Things are going well with the sabbatical. Surveys are needed for some of the events that have been held. Gail reviewed the expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Window Treatments for classrooms, Safety and Privacy and to help with the glare on the TV: Gail reported on the progress of this project. First room to be completed will be the library, with the nursery second. The downstairs classrooms will eventually need to be completed.
- B. Good Samaritan Fund Sunday July 30: Discussion was held on having a Good Samaritan Fund raising event (likely an Envelope Fund raiser) on July 30, as funds for the effort are almost gone.
- C. Sara Denton's departure: Sara's last day will be June 25. She will be thanked during the service that day and will be presented with a card of thanks along with a gift card. All were encouraged to sign the thank you card. Her service has been very much appreciated.
- D. Parking Lot use: Due to the demand for use of the parking lot, Gail will ask Alanna to develop a "Parking With Permission" sign for people to display in their cars (signs will be given to those in charge of the various parking lot projects to distribute as needed).
- E. Public Hearing for the alley paving on July 19th: Carl will attend this meeting and will also present a report at the council meeting in August.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Each council member was given an opportunity to comment or share information.

LORD'S PRAYER: Said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Jana Rockne, Council Secretary