

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Michigan

“We journey with God to serve with love”

Council Minutes: 7/18/23

CALL TO ORDER President Gail Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

OPENING PRAYER Cindy Monroe provided the opening prayer.

QUORUM CALL President Gail Goldsmith, Secretary Jana Rockne, Jim Monroe, Cindy Monroe, Jim Hinds, Denice Bossardet, Leonard Graf, Tina Dohm, Scott Schlagel, Gary Ancinec and Paul Wiemerslage. Pastor Paul Busekist and Scott Farley were absent.

CONGREGATIONAL AND VISITOR COMMENTS: Kathi Ivany-Mort was present to discuss/request authorization to place a bulletin board in the coat room area that will post needs of members of the church. This issue does not require council approval. The project was referred to Christian Care Committee.

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

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES Denice moved, Gary seconded the approval of the minutes from the June. Motion passed.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT’S REPORT Gail gave thanks to all.

PASTOR’S REPORT Pastor Paul is on sabbatical.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT None

TREASURER’S REPORT Leonard referred council members to his written report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT Jim referred council members to his written report. Income in June was positive.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Safety and Security Committee Presentation by Officer Makowski will be on August 22, 2023, addressing Active Shooter preparation.
- B. Sabbatical Budget and Update: Things are going well with the sabbatical. Gail reported finances are well within budget.

- C. Window Treatments for classrooms; safety, privacy and to help reduce glare on the TV screen in the library: Barbara Oster and Kate Holtfreter have donated window treatments for the library. The property committee is in the process of installing them. We will need to plan for installation of window treatments in two additional rooms.
- D. Lease Agreement on the Rental Home: the property management company that handles this property has been notified so they can inform the current renter(s) of the plans to list the property and the transition to a month-to-month lease from an annual lease agreement.
- E. Good Samaritan Fund Offering: an envelope fund raising event will take place on August 6 (coordinated by Maureen Bauer and Sherri Helman) to help raise funds for our Good Samaritan Fund.
- F. Alley Paving: Carl attended a meeting with the city on 7/17/23 during which the proposal for the paving was passed. Anticipated time line will be 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers

President: Cindy Monroe was nominated (and accepted the nomination), Jana moved, Gary seconded the nominations. No nominations were received from the floor. She was unanimously elected.

Vice President: Paul Wiemerslage was nominated (and accepted the nomination). Jana moved, Gary seconded the nomination. No nominations were received from the floor. He was unanimously elected.

Secretary: Jana was nominated (and accepted the nomination). Gary moved, Cindy seconded the nomination. No nominations were received from the floor. She was unanimously elected.

Treasurer: Gary was nominated (and accepted the nomination). Cindy moved, Jana seconded the nomination. No nominations were received from the floor. He was unanimously elected.

Financial Secretary: Jim Monroe was nominated (and accepted the nomination). Gary moved, Denise seconded the nomination. No nominations were received from the floor. He was unanimously elected.

B. Committee Chairs are as follows:

Christian Care: Jim Hinds

Christian Education/Y2A: Tina Dohm

Fellowship: Scott Schlagel

Membership and Evangelism: open

Personnel: Maureen Bauer

Property: open (tentatively Chuck Ardingo)

Stewardship: Scott Farley

Worship and Music: Denice Bossardet

C. Signatures for bank accounts: Cindy moved, Jana seconded the following people be authorized signers for the bank account(s): Cindy, Gary, Paul W. Motion passed.

Paul moved, Gary seconded that Gary be an authorized signer of the Mission Investment Fund. Motion passed.

D. Appointment to Council: Jana moved, Gary seconded that Maureen be appointed to the church council for a one-year term. Motion passed.

E. Confirmation of Kathie Bair to Mission Endowment Committee: Jana moved, Gary seconded that Kathie be appointed to the Mission Endowment Committee. Motion passed.

F. Friday Night Live on August 11, 2023: Gail discussed this project. Time would be (approximately) 5-9 pm. Gail is willing to coordinate this, which include volunteers handing out a card about the craft show. Gail has the council's blessings and gratitude for making this project possible.

G. New Members: Cindy presented Forrest and Jeanne Bowling as associate members at BLC. Cindy moved, Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

H. Rally Day: This is scheduled for September 10 and will be organized by Youth/Y2A. Discussion was held about the event. In addition to food, we will do a cleaning of the church, followed by fellowship. Tina will ask Alanna to advertise or write up an information sheet for the bulletin and online announcements.

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 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Jana Rockne, Council Secretary