

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, June 15, 2020 (prepared by Jennifer Nelson)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Mal Bailey – P	Paul Baribeau - P	Tami Bowman – P	Pam Crouse – P
Andy Dennison – P	Mike Diercks- P	Rachel Engel – A	Bill Evans – P
Alexa Giddings – P	Michael Husak – P	Jennifer Nelson – P	Ed Skaw – P
Brad Wiedmann – P			

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Grant – P Pastor Luci – P Dawn Paul – P

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Ed Skaw led devotions on “Names, brand recognition – Jesus’ name is above all”, Qualities of a Leader.

Sharing Joys & Concerns – continued healing for Mike, Increase in Covid-19 cases but no deaths in Barron County

Open Forum – none

Meeting Minutes 5/18/20: motion to approve minutes (BW/PB). Discussion – none. Motion carried.

INFORMATION/ACTION:

Old Business: 1. Safely Re-Opening the building; ELCA recommends a task force – Motion made to create a reopening task force (JN/PC) – discussion – number of members, timeline? Motion amended to “create a reopening task force that will make a first report to council, via email, in two weeks. (JN/PC)-discussion – none. Motion carried. Pam will chair task force, Amy Brekke will be Worship and Music rep, Dawn Paul will be a staff/insurance/building rep, Scott Burns maybe, Education rep??, Rachel Engel as a dentist with a local business perspective?? Any other thoughts for members, please forward to Pam.

New Business:

1. Financial Report: Dawn gave a report to council (BW/ES) financials accepted
2. Call Process/Transition to new Lead Pastor: Bill gave an update on call with Pastor Randy
3. CAT: Bill reached out to Kurt Jacobson about cost and benefits of CAT. Motion made to authorize council to spend up to a \$1000.00 to do the CAT (MD/JN) – discussion – the possibility of doing more paper options due to digital burnout, yes that will be an option -Motion carried. Bill heard from Pastor Randy that Peter Muschinske is potentially available to be our Interim Pastor. We would do an interview with him shortly if council agrees. Council will move forward with an interview.
4. Scott Burns: Bill Evans suggested we keep Scott on staff after his internship concludes to maintain continuity and support staff during the transition to a new lead pastor. Scott's focus area(s) would be classical pastoral care such as visitation, calls to the congregation and continued preaching in rotation. Due to budget concerns no action was taken.
5. Welcome Statement: Pam led discussion on the proposed welcome statement. It was decided to do a Cross Talk/Coffee hour discussion about the new statement. Perhaps it will be emailed out in the “week ahead” too. Pam will report back to council next month.

Strategy Discussion: 1. Delayed until next month.

Reports: attached

1. No questions on other attached reports

Committees: attached

1. No questions on Committee Reports

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: Monday 7/13/20 @ 10:30am

Council Meeting: Monday 7/20/20 @ 5:30p (via Zoom)

Assignments:

July Devotions: Brad Wiedmann

July Collection/Lockup:

August Devotions: Alexa Giddings

August Collection/Lockup: Brad Wiedmann