

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

**Mission: We INVITE all; We GROW in Faith; We GO to share God's love and grace**

**MINUTES from:** Monday, July 19, 2021 (prepared by Jennifer Nelson)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** P = Present A = Absent

Mal Bailey – P	Wanda Bock - P	Tami Bowman – A	Pam Crouse – P
Andy Denison – P	Mike Diercks- A	Bill Evans – P	Alexa Giddings – P
Dave Myre– P	Mackenzie Narins - P	Jennifer Nelson – P	Deberra Slagstad - P
Brad Wiedmann – P			

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Pastor Peter & Amy Brekke (some of the time due to VBS)

### PREPARATION:

*Devotions – Deb led a devotional from our book, The Space Between Us.*

*Sharing our Gifts – doer, keep things simple, prayer, extrovert, meeting people, see both sides of an argument, most senior member, always learning...be a good listener, learning experience, engaging in conversation, logic ranger, think outside the box, flexibility, Woo people, build relationships - especially with kids, compassion, note taker, genuinely love people.*

*Sharing Joys & Concerns –.*

*Pastor Peter shared a prayer.*

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda. BW/DM Discussion – none. Motion carried.

**Open Forum–** none

**Meeting Minutes :** Motion to approve the June minutes. MB/DS Discussion: - none. Motion carried.

**Financials:** Motion made to accept the financials. WB/BW Discussion – we are behind right now, which is typical but are we behind more than what would normally be predicted? Dawn is not here to answer. Any recommendations that could be made by Dawn or Wendy? Lead Pastor salary and housing allowance and benefits are down for the month of June. Is there a reason for this? Motion carried.

### INFORMATION/ACTION:

#### Old Business:

1. The Space Between Us – Handout was given to all. This is the proposal for how we will do our book study. Beth Brown and Bea Evans would co-lead the talk.
2. Call Committee – Carol's report is attached to the packet. How will we answer some of the questions CC has? Amy commented from W&M that our goal is to begin Saturday services in September, we will need to supplement with Supply Pastors. According to the Constitution, the Council oversees coordinating Supply Pastors. What do we need? A full-time person for the next number of months or are we just looking for a fill-in? Can we start a second Call process when we haven't gotten the Lead Pastor Call completed? Can we look at another Interim position? Pam will reach out to Pastor Peter and Pastor Randy for input from the Synod on the correct process. Amy will call a special meeting of W&M to discuss what the needs are for Bethany for the Fall. At this point, we will continue to communicate about this via email. We may need to call another meeting prior to our regular August meeting to address this prior to the fall.
3. Facebook policy - Great policy, thank you Wanda. Comment made to make a change under Responsibility from "Communications Staff and Pastoral Staff" to "Communications and Publications Specialist". Make three bullets under "responsibility" ...separate after style. Add a date and this is a Council policy in the footer. Let's ask Staff what they think could be added to FB? Who could do it? What does Leah think? Wanda will continue to work on this and will check with Leah on the what could be added, who could do it questions.

#### New Business:

1. RIC Update - A comment made to add the actual Welcome statement to the draft. Do we need to add more? Fourth paragraph, add that congregation also approved Welcome Statement. Who does it go to? Who does it come from?

DM/BW **motion** made to extend meeting 30 minutes. Discussion – none. Motion carries.

Do we want this on our public facing website? Can we have more conversations one on one with people. Should we indicate... “we have invited the congregation in twice, we have heard your comments and questions, we have met and discussed these and here is our response to those concerns.”? Some concerns about sending out a letter. **Motion** made to send the draft as a separate mailing to all members. DM/BW Discussion – none. 7 Yes, 4 no. Motion carried. Pam will work up a cover letter/cover paragraph. Also, she will highlight that this letter will be going out soon in the Council Corner of the August newsletter.

2. TTF Roll Out Group – group met and decided to cancel the July Cross Talk. August will hopefully be a speaker.
3. Music Under the Tent – Council will sponsor August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff Reports:** attached.

**Committees Reports:** attached.

**Motion** made to adjourn. BE/WB Discussion – none. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Executive Council Meeting:** Tuesday 8/10/2021 @ 10:30am

**Council Meeting:** Monday 8/16/21 @ 5:30p

**Assignments:**

**Aug Devotions:** Mal Bailey

**Aug Collections:** Mal Bailey