

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES from: Monday May 16, 2022 (prepared by Jennifer Nelson)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent **MEETING HELD IN PERSON**

Wanda Bock - P	Pam Crouse – P	Andy Denison – P	Bill Evans – P
Alexa Giddings – P	Bun Hanson - P	Ted Hakala - A	Audrey Kusilek - P
Dave Myre–P	Mackenzie Narins - A	Jennifer Nelson – P	Tammy Roberg - P
Deberra Slagstad -P			

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Arthur & Dawn Paul

Guest Present: Jennifer Pryntz, Gail Weber

PREPARATION:

Devotion: P Arthur led us in a devotion about love.

Prayer Requests: Nate Sevals who passed away yesterday. Friend Linda who's in ICU in Cozumel. Prayers for our congregation.

Pastor Arthur offered an opening prayer.

Guest Jennifer Prinz: Jennifer presented a request for use of the Bethany building for a weekly yoga class. Jennifer Christenson would be the instructor. She would do a Wednesday 8:30am and 10:00am as well as a Saturday 10am class. They would meet in Luther Lecture Hall. **Motion** made to approve the request. BH/BE – discussion – does she charge? Yes, there is a \$10/class recommended fee. Dawn indicated that we have had exercise groups meet here before. There is a security deposit that would have to be paid. They would have to show proof of insurance. There would be minimal impact to Amanda...no furniture to move, rooms to set up/tear down etc. Bethany events would come first if there is a conflict. They are looking at starting July 1 if we OK it. Motion carried.

May 2022 Council Question & Discussion: How can we learn to use God's transforming love to build a more welcoming, trusting environment? "Aim not to convert but to understand", it will take time to build the relationships in Council. We are new to each other as new leaders on Council. We need each other. If we lean on each other, we can do the work of Bethany together. When did conflict become so acceptable? Working on forgiving but it's really hard to forget. Trust/forgetting/forgiveness all goes together.

Gail Weber: Here from WELCA to give us an update on her committee. Any woman who has been confirmed is welcome to join. Some of their activities include hosting a Spring brunch and a Christmas luncheon. They help with Lenten and Advent meals. E/O year they do a Seasoned Saints luncheon for our members 80 years old and over. They are hoping to do one this fall. Retired Teachers we service banquets for them. Synod events. Thanksgiving service in the fall. Lefse workshop. Our luncheons we always do a free will donation. We use those donations to fund various projects. Graduation blankets, Luther Park grants for students to attend. Quilter supplies. We have a kitchen coordinator...purchase things for the kitchen, cleans the kitchen. We "operate" the dishwasher...looking at an auto dispenser for the soap in the washer. There are four circles that meet monthly. They each do a bible study and then they have a mission project. Sewing kits, personal care kits, hospice kits, newborn kits, dresses for Africa. Each circle has a special friend...homebound or SNF residents.

ADD Caring Communities to our list of committees to present

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda as amended PC/BH- discussion can we move the discussion of council meeting times to the head of the agenda? Yes.

Council Meeting Time/Date: Discussion on alternate times for the meeting. Much discussion was had. Let's try moving the Action Items to right after the Council Question and then we will move the informational items towards the end.

Meeting Minutes: Motion made to approve the April minutes DS/DM – discussion – none. 1 abstention Motion carries.

Financial Report: Motion made to accept the financials – DS/DM– discussion – none. Dawn led a discussion of the Designated Funds. She handed out a list of these accounts. A question was asked about the BIC DF balance. This money came from Trust Fund to help fund education efforts (materials, book study) of RIC then COVID hit and we ended up doing some of those things differently and didn't use all of the funds that were given. RIC has gone quiet now but would like to hold that money in that DF for a time in the future when RIC maybe is revisited. Motion carried.

411Video: We will do 3 of these this summer as a trial. They will list upcoming events, Introduction of Council member doing the video and an Invitation to worship. Dave Wilson will do the video and get it to Leah.

Update on Building Maintenance: We completed the blacktop. Working on sunken manholes. Some work on sidewalks under carport. Waiting on an estimate to replace the doors of the bus garage. Building Committee had some discussions about the flower beds. We will table the vote on the BC recommendation to landscape the perimeter of the building to next meeting.

Council Retreat: Sunday June 26th from 11:30 – 1:30. *See current email thread instead*

Invitation of Committee Chairs: Worship and Music. Tammy will talk to Paul. All Council reps should talk to their committee chairs to get them scheduled. Deb will email a reminder out to Council about this.

Next Congregational Informational Meeting: Possibly July 10th. P Arthur will get the group together again and get going on planning that.

Motion made to extend our meeting 15 minutes. AD/DS – discussion – none. Motion carried.

Pentecost Sunday: The Birthday of the Church. Would any Council members be willing to help?

Lock-Up Reminder: Just a reminder to make sure you check all the doors and the lights downstairs.

Building Fund: How do we communicate where these funds go now that the mortgage is paid in full? Jennifer updated on the current purpose of the Building Fund, vs the old Mortgage Fund. Unbudgeted/unexpected large building maintenance items that need to be addressed will come out of this fund. (Parking lot/boiler/roof etc.)

Reports: Pastor Arthur updated us on the summer Wednesday services. He will be setting aside specific times to meet with members.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting -PC /BE -Discussion – none. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: Monday 6/13/2022 @ 5:30pm

Council Meeting: Monday 6/20/22 @ 5:30p

Assignments:

June Devotions: Bill

June Collections: 8am Bun

10am Bun