

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

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

MINUTES from: Monday June 20, 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 - P	Audrey Kusilek - P
Dave Myre–P	Mackenzie Narins - P	Jennifer Nelson – P	Tammy Roberg - A
Deberra Slagstad -P			

STAFF MEMBERS: P Arthur for some of the meeting

Guest Present: Paul Hanson and Amy Brekke for some of the meeting

PREPARATION:

Devotion: Bill Evans led us with a Hymn. Today is world Refugee Day. The hymn was based on Matthew.

Ted H led us in the full Serenity Prayer.

Approval of Agenda: AK/PC – agenda approved

Council Minutes: TH/BH - discussion – minutes need to go out sooner. By the time these minutes went out, there was a reference to an email string...that should have been omitted and would have been easier if the minutes had been out sooner. Motion passed.

Landscaping Updates: Audrey updated us on the landscaping beds. Ron Johnson is helping with the weeding of the flowers by the tent. Audrey has been adding mulch to each bed so that is helping with the weeds. Audrey's goal is to now get volunteers to help care for each section. Karen Herram, Deb Slagstad, and Carol Hakala have been helping Audrey to date. Audrey is hoping we can forgo the money to do the landscaping. Peterson Tree Removal can possibly remove the two trees in front of the air conditioner. **Motion** made to go ahead with pulling the trees and abandon the rest of the landscaping bid. DM/PC – discussion – we need to find a gardener that wants to take an interest in maintaining our outside perimeter. This topic will be moved back to property to discuss more. Motion passed.

Recommendation to review landscaping issues prior to budget time.

New Members to be Received June 26th: **Motion** made to accept the slate of new members. BE/DM – discussion – none. Motion passed. New members are: Mark Jenkinson, Joe & Julie Moenck, Ron Johnson, Leatha Shores, Judy Schultz, Eric, Kristi, Khloe & Claire Thoreson, Shawn Larson, JoAnn Skaalrud, Janice Sheets, Russ & Cheri Schnacky, Jeff & Theresa Brunsluk, Marvin & Susan Baron, Dan & Michelle Ellefson, Connie Larson, Luke, Stephanie & RileyKunesh

Host Synod Assembly: **Motion** made to host Synod Assembly. BH/BE - Discussion – does this mean we need to upgrade the Gathering Room for technology? Maybe. Motion passed.

Council Meeting Time & Date: More discussion of timing for Council Meetings. Thursday's seem to be a good day. What if we started at 5:00pm? Can we do that? Could we do the third Thursday? **Motion** made to meet at 5:00pm in July and October. DM/AG - Discussion – If we don't know the schedule for next year...let's adjust now, what we can and then we will revisit next year once the Barron County schedule comes out. Motion passed.

Guest/Staff Present: Paul Hanson & Amy Brekke - Informational update from Worship & Music Committee. Paul and Amy gave us an update and information about how their committee operates and works. Thank you to Paul for his many years of service as chairperson on the committee. Is there anything that Council can do to support WM? Coordinate better with other committees especially when big events are happening (Stewardship, new members). Also, consider reviewing WM budget each year. Their budget is one of the lower budgeted areas but gives so much to our ministry. How is volunteerism going? Amy thinks people volunteering is down currently.

Congregational Meeting: July 10th The plan is for a 30 minute service with communion. Financial update, Care Ministry update and Education Committee update. Can we also add an attendance update? Reminder of Temple Talks...could we start implementing these again? Might this be a way to get more information out into the congregation?

Financial Report: **Motion** made to accept the financials – PC/WB– discussion – we got further behind this month. Yes. However, we budgeted a \$100K loss and midyear, we are at \$20K loss. We are doing better than we projected. It doesn't look like staff have used their Cont. Ed \$ yet. Make sure they know that we budgeted those dollars and they should be encouraged to use them. What was the extra "Call Process" expense this month? Those were dollars budgeted to help P Arthur with his move. Motion passed.

Deb led us in a fun Ice Breaker activity - Mackenzie was the winner!

Council Orientation: June 26th or July 7th – any discussion that comes out of these meetings will be brought back to Council for discussion. Council members can attend either date.

Communication Ownership: Ted discussed. When specific topics need follow-up, one Council member can take ownership of that topic and be sure they communicate to all council members about that topic. This can help council members be more involved and help to keep the topic streamlined so that all members would know where to go for follow-up with that topic.

Motion made to extend our meeting 20 minutes. PC/DM - Discussion – none. Motion passed.

Stained Glass Update: We received a quote from a vendor who has looked at our stained-glass windows. P Arthur recommended getting a second bid and then bringing it back to council.

Property Committee Update: Garage door framing. Dave received a bid just before council meeting tonight. That bid was for \$9500 for putting in a new door and new framing. This has not gone back to Property yet. **Motion** made to give property committee the authority to replace the current door with a roll-up door, not to exceed Dave's estimate from tonight. TH/WB - Discussion – Dave will bring any changes in the estimate to Executive Committee. Motion passed.

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/DM -Discussion – none. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: Monday 7/11/2022 @ 5:30pm

Council Meeting: Monday 7/18/22 @ **5:00p**

Assignments:

July Devotions: Tammy Roberg

July Collections: 8am Deb Slagstad
10am Tammy Roberg