

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 18, 2022 (prepared by Wanda Bock)

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

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

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Arthur & Dawn Paul

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Tammy led devotions about “washing each other's feet”.

Sharing Joys & Concerns -Keep vacationers safe, people going through cancer treatments including Melinda, Leslie and Carla, family of Pam’s friend Mike who passed away, family and friends of Martha Jacobson, healing for Pastor Arthur as he undergoes knee surgery.

Pastor Arthur offered a prayer.

Approval of the Agenda: Pastor Arthur asked if he could add an item to new business concerning our roster. **Motion** to modify the agenda. PC/DM - Discussion none – Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: **Motion** to approve the June 2022 minutes. TH/BH - Discussion- Pam raised a concern regarding the listing of new members on our website. Some people don’t want to be on social media. Pastor Arthur assured us they had given consent to be listed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Meeting Schedule: Went over upcoming council meeting schedule. The October meeting will start at 5:00. The rest of the year will be at 5:30.

Landscaping: Dave Myre reported for the property committee that the two shrubs on the west side of the building will be removed. The garage door on the garage will be replaced.

Congregational Informational Meeting Feedback: Pastor Arthur heard positive comments. The question was asked if volunteers from the Caring Ministry group are ready to go outside of Bethany membership to provide their services. Pastor Arthur reported the committee has met and don’t feel they are ready to do that yet. Ted noted that the Mission Concerns committee is similar to the Caring Ministry group and maybe they could work together. Bill took this on as an action item. Alexa brought up that we did well with the time constraints and maybe at the next meeting we could do communion by intinction.

Council Orientation: Pastor Arthur would like to make this an annual event that happens shortly after the election of new council members.

411 Video: Ted will be doing the August video. Ted asked for our feedback. Do we want to continue to do these videos after the summer? Discussion. Can we track how many views? Dawn says that it is possible to see how many people have viewed the video. We decided to move forward for September. Deb and Bill volunteered to do the video. It was decided that Bill will record it.

NEW BUSINESS

Stained Glass: Dawn informed us that a second bid should be coming. The first bid came in at around \$100,000. Companies are typically booked six months out. It will take six months to do once started. The cause of the damage is due to no vents being put in when the storm windows were installed so it gets hot inside between the storm window

and stained glass. This causes the lead to deteriorate. Property committee agrees there is a problem but we need to find the funds to repair them. More to come...

Dave reported they have been fixing cracks on walls inside the building and this leads to painting. So we may be looking at areas of the church needing painting.

Confirmation Planning: Pastor Arthur reported he and Angie have been planning for the fall and are going back to Hear We Stand for the curriculum.

Adult Ed: Pastor Arthur reported he is planning adult education for this fall. He plans on holding 4 four week sessions entitled The Greatest Story. It consists of lectures and videos. It gives an overview of the whole Bible. Laurie Carlson is also working on putting together a class on grief.

Saturday Night Worship: The plan is to start Saturday evening worship again this fall. We will need to advertise and let people know it is back. We will try the service for three months and evaluate attendance to see if it is worth continuing.

Caterpillar Meeting Protocol: Bill suggested that we might try something that the Caterpillar company uses to keep their meetings on topic and moving along. It gives everyone permission to use a signal (twirling your finger or something similar) when someone feels the group has gotten off track. Discussion in favor and against.

Pastor Arthur off through Aug 2nd: Just a reminder Pastor Arthur will be off until August 2nd. He is having surgery on his knee this week and has two weeks of vacation after that.

Roster: We are working on updating the church roster. We will move slowly with this as we don't want to remove anyone who would like to remain on. Dawn gave us a list to go over to see if we know any members who we know have moved away or left.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financials look OK. Giving is up about \$15,000 over last year at this time. Motion made to accept the financials. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Old Business: Bethany on the go will hold its next event this week at Hunt Hill from 5-7. Audrey extended an invitation to all.

New Business: Guest Kayelon Cambell Murphy from the Welcome Team gave us an overview of what that committee has been doing. That includes updating the marriage handbook, new member activities, making sure members have name tags, and hosting music under the tent. They are planning to use the time and talent sheets again and also start outreach to the community by providing baby items to newborns at Marshfield Clinic. Other ideas they are considering are movie/game nights, parents night out, service in the park, or random acts of kindness.

REPORTS

Staff Reports: See attached.

Committee Reports: Deb (Worship and Music Committee) asked that next month we add equipment for the Gathering Room to the agenda. Other reports attached.

Meeting adjourned. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: 8/8/2022 @ 5:30 pm

Council Meeting: Monday 8/15/22@ 5:30pm

August Guest: Kevin Jacobson, Stewardship

ASSIGNMENTS:

August Devotions: Audrey Kusilek

August Collections: 8:00am Deberra Slagstad

10:00 am Bill Evans