

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes from:** February 15, 2016

**Council members present** - Dave Wilson, Ryan DeNucci, Craig Antonson, John Osterloth, Tina Henningsen, Wendy Markgren, Julie Bever, Beth Brown, Walfsty Pierre

**Council members absent** - Kevin Jacobson, Carol Hakala, Jim Kusilek, Roger Martin

**Staff members:** Pastor Grant Aaseng and Dawn Paul present.

Pastor Bob Berg and Amy Brekke absent.

### Preparation

Devotions - Dave Wilson

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer by Pastor Grant

Open forum - no one present

Minutes from last meeting: Tina Henningsen moved to approve. Wendy Markgren seconded.

Minutes were approved.

### Reports

Pastor Grant - Written report. Also presented "5 Unique Responsibilities of Church Council"

Pastor Bob - Written report.

President Dave Wilson - Parting words as outgoing president.

### Election of Officers for 2016

Motion by Wendy Markgen, second by Craig Antonson to nominate Jim Kusilek as president; Tina Henningsen as vice-president; and Roger Martin as secretary. No other nominations were made. Motion approved

Motion by John Osterloth, second by Julie Bever to elect officer as nominated. Motion approved.

Vice-president Tina Henningsen took over running meeting in president Jim Kusilek's absence. Hand out on "Council Values and Operating Procedures" was presented and discussed.

### Council Responsibilities

- **Devotions**
- **Offering deposit & lock-up**
- **Committee representation assignment**

Sign-up sheet was handed around the table. Each council member to sign up for 1 month for meeting devotions and two months for offering and lock-up.

### Committee Assignments

Motion by Dave Wilson, second by Craig Antonson to strike need for a council representative on the Library committee. Julie Bever, seconded by Walfsty Pierre to amend motion to have Library committee is to report to council. Motion as amended carried.

Discussion of committee assignments and when they meet occurred. Need for volunteers for open assignment were presented. All committee representative positions were filled.

- **Personnel** –(Tina Henningsen)
- **Property** (Walfsty Pierre)
- **Mission Concerns:** (Craig Antonson)

- **Music and Worship** (Dave Wilson)
- **Education** (Julie Bever)
- **Stewardship** (Ryan DeNucci)
- **Welcome** (Wendy Markgren)
- **WELCA** (Carol Hakala)
- **Altar Guild** (Beth Brown)
- **Trust Fund** (Kevin Jacobson)
- **The Green Team** (John Osterloth)
- **Finance** (Jim Kusilek)
- **Church Health Team** (Carol Hakala)

### **Annual meeting Wrap-up**

There was a discussion on how a Designated Fund may be changed. This can be done by a majority vote of the congregation.

A discussion of the Health Initiatives fund followed. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed at the Annual Meeting to investigate how these funds can be used.

### **Council Retreat**

This retreat will be set for a weekend in April. A software program will be used to find the weekend that the most members will be able to attend.

### **Walking Together Event**

Saturday, March 12, 2016. To be held at the Davis Center at UW Eau Claire from 9 am to 3:45 pm. Attendees may participate in up to 5 workshops and lunch will be served. Bethany's office will send in registrations. There will be a need for deodorant sticks and individual packs of Kleenex for kits to be put together at workshop.

### **Church Health Team**

Update by Pastor Grant. Three areas that members of the congregation identified.

- Get a system going
  - Starting up and running small group
  - Connecting people with small group of like interested people
- Members so busy - Need to show that time for small groups is worth the time.
- Trust issues

Committee needs to develop measureable goals

### **Financial Report**

Discussion as to where to put Financial Report on the agenda. May be best to have it at the end of the agenda or after committee reports.

Motion by John Osterloth, second by Dave Wilson to approve Financial Report as presented.

Discussion followed. Motion approved.

Julie Bever and Tina Henningsen to bag offering and lock up on Sunday, February 21st.

Motion by Beth Brown, second by Ryan DeNucci to adjourn the meeting. Carried

Ended evening with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: John Osterloth - Council Member