

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, December 19, 2016 (prepared by Roger Martin)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Craig Antonson – P	Carol Hakala – P	Wendy Markgren – P	Dave Wilson – P
Julie Bever – P	Tina Henningsen – P	Roger Martin – P	
Beth Brown – P	Kevin Jacobson – P	John Osterloth – P	
Ryan DeNucci – P	Jim Kusilek – P	Walfsy Pierre – P	

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Grant Aaseng – P Amy Brekke – A Dawn Paul – P

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Ryan DeNucci

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Open Forum – None

Minutes from 11/21/16 meeting – APPROVED (Jacobson/Bever)

INFORMATION/ACTION:

Nominating Committee Update: The following congregation members have agreed to positions beginning in 2017:

1. Melissa Tomesh – Trust Fund Committee
2. Charles (Chick) Feather – Council

There is one final position open on the Council and the committee continues to search for candidates for this role.

Call Committee Update: The following congregation members have agreed to positions on the Associate Pastor Call Committee and will be installed during a worship service TBD in January 2017.

1. Larry Brown – Chair
2. Lori Bowman – representative from the Pastoral Staffing Task Force
3. Adam Bever
4. DeAnna Westphal
5. Preston Pearson
6. Angela Delf

Pastor Grant serves in an advisory role.

Annual Meeting Notices and Reports – Council members were reminded to have their respective committees submit annual reports for publishing in the annual report distributed for the annual meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 at 9 a.m. Council members should plan to attend.

Model Constitution Updates – From time to time the model constitution issued by the ELCA is reviewed and changes are made. When this happens, each congregation should review its constitution and bring

it into compliance with the ELCA standards. Such changes were approved at the National Churchwide Assembly in 2016.

The NW WI Synod office has reviewed our constitution and made updates to bring us into compliance with the national churchwide body. Bethany has not made any changes in the constitution since 2008. Carol Hakala provided a marked-up copy of the constitution changes and a summary of the key areas changed. It is the intent that the changes be communicated to the congregation and acted on at the Annual Meeting.

MOTION (Jacobson/Henningsen) – Adopt the amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations as approved by the 2016 Churchwide Assembly and present as required for approval at Bethany’s annual meeting on January 28, 2017. APPROVED

Bethany’s By-Laws currently specify that “Holy Communion will normally be provided for persons as young as ten (10) years of age”. Bethany’s practice today is that the decision about when to begin communion is left to parents and the pastor and staff.

MOTION (Kusilek/Osterloth) – It is proposed that council ask the congregation to change By Law C8.04.01 Communion Participation by striking item B re: age. APPROVED

MOTION (Bever/Wilson) – Extend meeting end time to 7:15pm. APPROVED

2017 Budget – the proposed budget for 2017 was distributed and reviewed by Wendy Markgren (Finance Committee).

MOTION (Henningsen/Wilson) – Approve the 2017 Budget final draft as presented. APPROVED

MOTION (Hakala/Osterloth) – Approve NOV Financial Report. APPROVED

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Committee: Monday 1/9/17 @ 5:15p

Council Meeting: Monday 1/16/17 @ 5:30p (@Kusilek residence 1531 22nd Ave)

Budget Discussion: Sunday 1/22/17 (between services) – Bethany Conference Rm.

Annual Meeting: Sunday 1/29/17 @ 9:00am

ASSIGNMENTS:

January Devotions: Dave Wilson

January Collection/Lockup: Wendy Markgren / Carol Hakala

February Devotions: John Osterloth

February Collection/Lockup: John Osterloth / Tina Henningsen