

# Bethany Lutheran Church

## Congregation Council Minutes

### Monday, April 17, 2017 - 5:30 p.m.

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Submitted by John Osterloth

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** P = Present A = Absent

Craig Antonson – A

Carol Hakala – P

Roger Martin – A

Julie Bever – P

Tina Henningsen – P

Jen Nelson - P

Beth Brown – P

Jim Kusilek – P

John Osterloth – P

Chick Feather – P

Wendy Markgren – P

Walfsy Pierre – P

Dave Wilson – P

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

- **Devotions:** Tina Henningsen
- **Opening Prayer –** Pastor Grant
- **Open Forum:** Ron and Bonnie Dahl
  - Idea from Shepard Of the Glades church in Naples, FL
  - All members of the church have name tags given by the church. They think 1 ¼ inch wide tags are best. They are willing to help with the funding of this project. Matter referred to appropriate committees.
- **Sharing:** Joys and Concerns
  - Pastor Mueller and Regina were mentioned as needing prayers for recovery
  - Holy week was fabulous
  - Both joy and concern mentioned for Bever household
- **Minutes from last meeting**
  - Motion by Dave Wilson, second by Jim Kusilek to approve minutes - Carried
- **Information/Action:**
  1. NW Synod Appeal Update
    - Review of presentation made at the March meeting. Major capital fund appeal, There will be a get together at Pastor Grant's on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with families interested in meeting and speaking with Bishop Hoyme.
  2. Communicating New Worship Times
    - The word is being spread that the 10:30 service will be moved to 10 am after Memorial Day. It needs to be stressed that the move is not just for the summer months.
  3. Call Process Update
    - Larry Brown presented that a new graduate from Eastern Illinois University was interested in the position at Bethany. She will be attending several activities the weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> including meeting with the council, interviewing with the committee, helping with the Saturday and Sunday services, with other activities as well. Congregation will be updated the weekend of April 21<sup>st</sup>.
  4. Shelby Next Instruction
    - All council members are now on the Shelby Next app. There is a committee to help get the word out as the how to use this app.

- **Reports:**

Pastor Grant

New member weekend – most new members are going to attend the Saturday evening service. Holy Week went Great! 10:30 Easter service was largest service since he joined Bethany.

Staff Reports

Amy – Close to 4,000 not 2,600 as stated in report

Angie – Written report included “Weekly Youth Participation”

President – no report

Financial Report –

Motion by Carol Hakala, second by Jim Kusilek to accept report - Carried

- **Committees:**

**Personnel** - Tina Henningsen – Salary recommendations will be ready by end of year.

**Property** – Chick Feather – Question on progress on windows to the north. They are a priority.

**Mission Concerns** - Craig Antonson – Caring Closet at High School mentioned & Noisy offering this month

**Worship & Music** - Dave Wilson – Written report

**Education** – Jennifer Nelson - Palm Sunday Breakfast, Vacation Bible School, and shortened time for Sunday School were main topics.

Motion by Jim Kusilek, second by Carol Hakala to extend meeting up to 15 minutes, carried.

**Stewardship** – Walfsty Pierre – Written report

**Invite & Welcome** - Wendy Markgren – Written Report

**WELCA** – Julie Bever – Committee recommends shelving unit to have all collection totes, etc. in one place. Discussion of CLEAN Containers for sending food home after funerals, etc. Green Team Committee mentioned this at their April meeting.

**Altar Guild** – Carol Hakala – No meeting

**Trust Fund** – Jim Kusilek – Meeting May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Team** - John Osterloth – Written report

**Finance** – Beth Brown – No meeting

**Church Health Team** - Carol Hakala – This weekend, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, between services, there will be a gathering to honor those who lead small groups.

- **Next Meeting Date:**  
Executive Committee  
Council Meeting

May 8 - 5:30 p.m.  
May 15 - 5:30 p.m.

- **Assignments:**  
May Devotions  
May Collection/Lock Up

Jennifer Nelson  
Dave Wilson/Walfsty Pierre