

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, February 19, 2018 (prepared by Roger Martin)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Lucas Amundson – P	Mike Diercks – P	Wendy Markgren – P (arr. late)
Paul Baribeau - A	Rachel Engel – P	Roger Martin – P
Julie Bever - P	Chick Feather – P	Jennifer Nelson – P
Beth Brown – P	Michael Husak – P (arr. late)	Dave Wilson – P (left early)

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

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Beth (Grace Got You)

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Open Forum – NA

Minutes from last meeting – Special Meeting January 8, 2018 minutes approved (JN/JB)

Financial report – approved at close of meeting (JB/MD)

INFORMATION/ACTION:

New Council Members: Beth welcomed new council members Lucas Amundson, Paul Baribeau, Mike Diercks and Michael Husak. Pastor Grant reviewed documents detailing council mission and operating procedures.

Synod Council Training: Discussed perceptions from those attending this session at Bethany 2/17/18.

Council Assignments 2018: A sign-up sheet for council assignments was circulated. These assignments are for Council Meeting Devotions (each member does this once per year @ monthly meetings) and for Offering/Lock Up duties after Sunday worship services (each member covers this for two months during the 12 mo. period covering one service for the entire month). Council members not in attendance were assigned open months. A complete listing is attached to these minutes. New council members with questions about these duties should seek direction from a current council member.

Tina Henningsen Replacement: Discussed potential candidates to fill the remaining 1 year of Tina's term. Deanna Westphal has since accepted this position.

When You're at Bethany, You're at Home Radio Campaign: This campaign continues on local area radio. It is funded/produced by the Koser family and features Bethany member commentary.

Lenten Supper: Organized by Jennifer Nelson. This week the event is hosted by Council Members.

Worship: Inspiring worship is the 2018 goal of the Worship Committee. Pastor Grant is orchestrating a variety of exercises to define and measure progress toward this goal. If you have comments on this matter please address them to Pastoral staff.

New Janitor Hired: Jim Gruenhagen has begun work.

Lunchbox Status: Began discussions re: the future of this program. Sue Torgerson is retiring from 20 years volunteering to organize this community outreach program (as well as her assistant Tina Henningsen). Lunch is served at Bethany on most Tuesdays throughout the year to those in need. Attendance averages 40-65 attendees weekly. Council discussed potential to continue this program as well as how to best administer. Pastors Grant and Luci expressed desire/hope that we continue and

suggest a committee/team of people vs. one person to orchestrate. An article in the next NEWSBREAK will address the need for volunteers and we will re-assess at the March meeting.

Building Fund Expenditure Policy: Dawn has requested direction in how to manage decisions associated with the Building Fund vs. the Annual Budget. Council discussed and Wendy directed that all “routine maintenance” projects should be Annual Budget expenditures and any building modification or “out of the ordinary maintenance” project (e.g. parking lot resurfacing or major boiler overhaul) would be considered for the Building Fund. Any expenditure over \$3500 must have council approval prior to committing to the project. Roger is to review previous minutes to confirm we haven’t previously stated/planned anything different than this.

Lifetouch Member Directory Opportunity: Dawn briefly reviewed a potential opportunity from Lifetouch for a new and updated member directory.

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:00 pm (JB/MD)

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: Monday 3/12/18 @ 5:30p

Council Meeting: Monday 3/19/18 @ 5:30p

ASSIGNMENTS:

March Devotions: Jennifer Nelson

March Collection/Lockup: Dave Wilson (8:00am) / Jennifer Nelson (10:00am)

April Devotions: Julie Bever

April Collection/Lockup: Lucas Amundson (8:00am) / Roger Martin (10:00am)