

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, July 16, 2018 (prepared by Roger Martin)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Lucas Amundson – P

Mike Diercks – P

Wendy Markgren – P

Paul Baribeau - P

Rachel Engel – P

Roger Martin – P

Julie Bever - A

Chick Feather – P

Jennifer Nelson – A

Beth Brown – P

Michael Husak – P

DeAnna Westphal - A

Dave Wilson – P

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

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Beth Brown

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Open Forum – NA

INFORMATION/ACTION:

Leaking Windows Proposal: Joel Kohlmeyer from the Property Committee reported on the north wall/window design issue that has resulted in water seepage in the lower level. After considerable study it has been determined there is a weep-hole design issue with the window frames. VS Construction has assumed responsibility and will make repairs at their expense.

Building Controls Upgrade Proposal: Joel also presented a Building Controls Upgrade proposal which has been developed by Trane on behalf of the Property Committee. The proposal addresses inefficient and outdated HVAC controls resulting in high operating costs and ineffective heating/cooling in the church building. The 2 part proposal calls for removal and upgrading of the current control unit and replacement with a Web-based Controller (\$8,450) as well as removal/replacement of the Sanctuary and Lower Level controller and air handling unit and installation of new temp sensors/relays/controls (\$11,450). The total project cost of \$19,900 is offset by an estimated annual energy savings of \$4,603 resulting in a 4.3 year payback on the investment -- not to mention more effective zoned heating and cooling throughout the church. **MOTION (DW/CF):** Proceed with HVAC system upgrades per the presented plan from the Property Committee using established funds in the Building Fund. **APPROVED**

Green Space Beautification Project: Tabled until August meeting.

Houston Youth Gathering: Pastor Luci reported on the Bethany youth group that traveled to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering June 27 to July 1. 44 participants including 35 youth. 865 participants from the NW WI Synod.

Congregational Education & Youth Ministries Position Description: The position description for the job currently held by Angie Buchli was recently updated by the Personnel Committee and shared with council for review/approval. **MOTION (PB/MB):** Approve updated position description as presented.

APPROVED

Staff Planning Calendar: The current calendar as prepared by staff was provided to council.

Lasting Impact – Chapter 4 discussion: Council members continued with its monthly discussion re: the next chapter in the assigned book.

Council Retreat/Direction/Vision: Pastor Grant is looking for input re: a potential future Council Retreat. It was suggested that Pastor Grant provide council with an email with his thoughts re: timing and objectives for such a meeting.

Lucas Amundson Resignation: New council member Lucas Amundson has submitted his resignation effective immediately. His work and family obligations have recently changed resulting in difficulty in attending meetings and fulfilling his council duties. Additionally he shared that he wasn't effectively prepared for what the council member role entails.

New Council Member Orientation: Council had discussion about how to better communicate the responsibilities of a council member both during the nominating process and during the initial phase of a council member's new term. Executive Committee will follow up.

MOTION TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF MEETING (RM/DW): APPROVED

Financial Report: Motion to approve (RM/DW): APPROVED

Committee Follow up by Council Representatives: All council members are asked to follow up with their respective committee to encourage them to have representation and materials at RALLY SUNDAY (SEPT 9) to effectively recruit new committee members as well as educate congregation members about the committee's work.

Adjourned @ 7:10 pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: Monday 8/13/18 @ 5:30p

Council Meeting: Monday 8/20/18 @ 5:30p

ASSIGNMENTS:

August Devotions: Roger Martin (changed from Dave Wilson who will handle SEPT)

August Collection/Lockup: Wendy Markgren (8:00am) / Mike Dierks (10:00am)

September Devotions: Dave Wilson

September Collection/Lockup: Paul Baribeau (8:00am) / Julie Bever (10:00am)