

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting January 13, 2020

President Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present were Nancy Bruns, Alan Beyer, Del Hughes, Dave Bahnsen, Pastor Whaley, and Tonya Samuelson. Absent were Linda Black, Curt Casper, and Wayne Frauenholtz.

Pastor Chad led opening devotions with a reading from Matthew 2. Reflection and prayer followed.

Pastor's Report: Report to Council – January 13, 2020

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Today I am grateful for:

- 2019 and the opportunities God will present to us in 2020
- Tonya, Wayne, and Cheryl as this will be their last council meeting – Thanks for all you have done!
- Daily reminders God is with us such as the flickering flame of a candle shining through the darkness, a soothing song reminding us of God's love, a phone call from a dear friend, a Bible verse that is just what you needed and speaks to what's going on in your life.
- Pastor Hougen leading worship December 29 so I could have some time away

Some happenings in the last month.

- Fabulous Christmas Eve worship services
- Crestview Worship Service
- Women's Circle (December and January)
- WBARC Meeting
- Pre-Marital Counseling for April Wedding
- Attend Community Meal
- Wednesday Night Faith Formation
- Men's Bible Study
- Adult Discussion Hour
- Worked on updating Constitution and preparing Annual Report
- 8 pastoral visits

Upcoming Happenings:

- Turning Point Meeting at Christ the King, Iowa City – Saturday, January 18
- Annual Meeting – January 19

- Preach and lead worship at Anamosa State Penitentiary with Free*Indeed* Congregation during pastoral vacancy – February 1
- Bishop Burk at Bethany to preach and worship with us – February 2

Secretary's Report:

Dave moved to approve the secretary's report with a correction. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

December offerings totaled \$16,727 and expenses were \$17,332, which included \$3,803 sent to local missions (2.5% of offering) and \$295 for Jack and Jill gift certificates for DVIP (10% of Christmas Eve offering).

The December fund balance report reflects \$2,284 (1.5% of offering) transferred from the General Fund to the Internal Ministries fund and \$10,000 transferred from the Mission Investment fund to the General Fund.

Dave moved and Alan seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds: No report.

Education: Tonya plans to meet with the new Education Committee chair in February to discuss VBS. She will have a poster at the Annual Meeting showing the volunteers needed for VBS.

Evangelism and Outreach: The Designated Shelter Committee met in December to finalize preparedness plans.

Fellowship: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Youth: No report.

Worship and Music: No report.

Business Agenda:

- Al moved to place the fair market rental value of the parsonage at \$11,800 per year. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.
- Annual meeting preparations: Simply Giving forms will be available at the meeting. Budget was quickly reviewed. New council members are still being recruited. The revised Constitution will be presented.
- A Local Missions Proposal 2020 written by Pastor Chad was handed out for review.

Dave moved to adjourn. Al seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.