

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting February 8, 2021 (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Dave Bahnsen, Curt Casper, Patricia Ernst, Anne Fetzer, Del Hughes, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Dave Poppen, Jill Taylor and Pastor Chad Whaley

Welcome to our new council members Dave, Patsy and Jill. Pastor led council in a reading of Psalm 118, with focused conversation on what brings us joy and gladness. Council members were installed as elected church leadership, bringing gifts to serve the congregation, and supporting our mission in Christ.

**Pastor's Report**

Pastor continues to support synod nominating committee and WBARC treasurer tasks. Plans for Ash Wednesday underway. This will not include collaboration with other churches this year. Confirmation class continues virtually each week.

Annual meeting held virtually in January went well.

**Secretary's Report**

Motion to accept January council minutes by Dave B., seconded by Amber. Motion approved.

Jill motioned to amend the January 17 special minutes to include voting results, seconded by Dave B. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Jill noted that the special funds received from the fire department were disbursed to the local family in need as approved by council in January.

Dave B. motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Dave P. seconded. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Building & Grounds**

Due to the cold, salt and sand is not improving the parking lot. Leak near the bell tower due to ice dam that will need addressed when the weather improves.

**Education & Youth**

24 winter kits distributed in January. Committee currently planning Easter kits.

**Evangelism & Outreach**

Al Beyer transitioned committee to Dave B. This includes the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration planned for this summer.

### **Fellowship**

No updates this month.

### **Stewardship**

No updates this month.

### **Worship & Music**

Lector schedule completed for the year, including four new volunteers. The alter schedule in progress. Beth Kaufman continuing to select worship hymns with Pastor this year.

### **Old Business**

1. Building Usage Review
  - a. Continued discussion regarding in-person services and how many people could fit in the sanctuary using safety guidelines. Kristin motioned we allow worship participants which includes acolyte, lector, audio-visual support, and their family members to attend in-person worship, not exceeding 20 members during the service. Seconded by Curt. Motion approved.
  - b. In March, the council will further discuss the potential for in-person, small group usage of the church.
2. Bank Usage Papers – review procedure
  - a. Executive council members added to church account per banking procedure guidelines.

### **New Business**

1. Angel Tree Coordinator
  - a. Jeni Schiele resigning her volunteer position after many years of service to this valuable ministry. This work will transition to Evangelism and Outreach committee.
2. Council Positions
  - a. Amber motioned to approve Patsy filling Worship & Music position, and Dave P. filling the Stewardship position for one-year terms. Anne will fill the Secretary position. Seconded by Curt. Motion approved.

Dave P. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Anne seconded. Motion approved.

President Hughes closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.