

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting October 11, 2021

The meeting opened with responsive prayer in the sanctuary and then called to order by President Hughes at 6:42 p.m.

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

Pastor's Report

Highlights from this month's Pastor's report include:

- Joys and Thanksgivings for Staff Appreciation Sunday and a successful community spaghetti dinner.
- Preparation for the church's 125th anniversary celebration, Confirmation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and Advent.
- Attended to pre-marital sessions, an affirmation of vows ceremony and a baptism. As well as the ordination and installation of pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Tipton.
- Several pastoral visits and prayer meetings held this month.
- Attended preaching workshop sponsored by the Synod, fall Theological seminar and continuing education course via Zoom.

Secretary's Report

Amber motioned to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Dave B. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dave P. motioned to approve the report seconded by Anne. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

- Curt trimmed bushes trimmed around the church.
- Parsonage needs a new a disposal, also looking into problems with the exhaust fan vent.

Education & Youth

- First confirmation/faith formation class held last Wednesday.
- Rolling out Sunday School program on November 7 and 21 before service at 9:00 a.m.
- Looking into a Christmas movie night with popcorn fellowship.

Evangelism

- Spaghetti dinner held in September went well and received suggestions for next meal.
- Finalizing plans for the 125th anniversary celebration on October 24.

Fellowship

- No report but looking into ways to start up fellowship sign-ups.

Stewardship

- No report.

Worship and Music

- Choir practicing this Wednesday for the 125th anniversary celebration.

Old Business

1. Online Giving Update

- Buttons on website directs user to Vanco site for collecting donations. We can add designated mission funds, like Angel Tree, Cookie Walk, Easter Lilies or Poinsettias, in addition to regular Sunday offering. It also gives options for frequency (one-time, weekly, monthly, etc.). User can pay by credit/debit card or bank account. User may agree to cover transaction processing fees at submission.

New Business

1. Alex Poppen – Meal Ministry

- Alex is sponsoring a community ministry called Angel Meals. A link will be on the church website and Facebook for meal and volunteer sign up. This project will also be submitted to Uncommon Student award. The ministry would not only deliver meals but make connections through in home visits.
- Alex is seeking volunteers, permission to use the church kitchen space and startup funds until donations are available to support the ministry. Alex will return to council in November with a business plan.

2. Year End Committees – Budget, Audit and Nominating

- A few names were recommended for the budget committee. Committee to be determined in November council meeting.
- The audit committee to include three voting members but cannot be a member of council. Committee to be appointed in November. Names were recommended to fill the committee.
- The nominating Committee includes Alan Beyer, Linda Black, and Nancy Bruns.

3. Lion's Club Donation Request

- Event to be held on October 23. The club is looking for volunteers and monetary donations.
- Jill moved we donate the \$250 gifted to Bethany back to the Lion's Club. Dave B. seconded. Motion approved.
- A bulletin announcement for the congregation to directly support the event.

4. October 24 Service

- Kristin motions we plan for indoor service to celebrate the 125th anniversary. Seconded by Curt.

Kristin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Curt seconded. Motion approved.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting – 11/08/2021