

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting November 8, 2021

The meeting opened with responsive prayer in the sanctuary and was then called to order by President Hughes at 6:41 p.m.

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

Members absent: Dave Bahnsen, Curt Casper

Pastor's Report

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

- Joys and Thanksgivings for so many people assisting with the 125th-anniversary celebration, Confirmation Sunday, and Wednesday Faith Formation.
- Attended to WBARC, Free Indeed Prison Ministry, and Synod Nominating Committee meetings.
- Celebrated the Clark/Sims wedding.
- Several pastoral visits and prayer meetings were held this month.
- Attended Monday Gospel Gathering Bible Studies, and Text Studies with local Pastors.
- Completing a continuing education course (6-week) through Wartburg Seminary, "Practical Tools for the Journey."
- Looking forward to upcoming events which include First Communion and Advent.

Secretary's Report

Dave P. motioned to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Patsy. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Amber motioned to approve the report seconded by Kristin. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

- No report.

Education & Youth

- Committee teaming up with Alex Poppen on meal ministry in December. Students will assist with preparing and delivering meals.
- Sunday School starting on November 21 from 8:45-9:20 a.m. December dates include December 5th and 19th.

Evangelism

- No report.

Fellowship

- An online sign-up created for Fellowship. Anne drafting an email to send to congregation. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DAFAB29A0FD0-fellowship>

Stewardship

- For the fall campaign, the committee is sending thank you letters to congregation with information on electronic giving.

Worship and Music

- Choir sang for the 125th celebration. We received letters from two former pastors and an online member congratulating Bethany.
- Piano tuning occurring on November 23.
- Special thanks to Deanna Weisman and Candy Madsen on 125th celebration display.

Old Business

1. Budget Committee
 - Del reaching out to members recommended by council.
2. Audit Committee
 - Del reaching out to members recommended by council.

New Business

1. Spaghetti Dinner/Angel Tree
 - Council discussed how to handle remaining funds contributed to projects and designating which funds they belong to. It was determined that newsletter announcements to communicate to congregation of money raised. No specific direction on fund designation.
2. Christmas Services
 - Two services on Christmas Eve planned at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.
3. Synod-wide Worship – December 26
 - Online worship service hosted by the Synod. Council discussed possibly opening the Great Hall for in-person viewing.
4. Indoor/Outdoor Worship
 - Outdoor services likely finished for the year, however discussed an outdoor caroling event in December.
5. Annual Meeting Date – January
 - Amber motioned to set the annual meeting for January 23, seconded by Kristin. Motion approved.
6. Council Reports
 - Reports due to Paula by December 1.

Dave P. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Patsy seconded. Motion approved.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting – 12/13/2021