

Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes November 11th, 2024

Call to Order at 6:30pm by President Kent Kaufman

Members Present: Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Cindy Knoop, Kent Kaufman, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Howard Moss

Members absent: Jon Twing, Jessica Fonseca, Courtney Heid, Pat Cassabaum

Opening Prayer & Discussion

Pastor's Report

Joys and Thanksgivings

- Worship
 - Hymn Sing Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism Sunday and All Saints
 - Wonderful attendance, joyous song and praise of our Lord
 - Thanks to all who have assisted and attended in person or online!
- Fellowship
 - 4th Sunday Supper and Sunday fellowship have been well attended in the past month. Thanks be to God!
- Jesus Carving
 - Have heard many compliments from the community. Dedication on November 17th at the end of worship.
- New members

Ministry Happenings

- Funeral of Frank Frostestad
 - Thank you to all who assisted in making bars, helping with the luncheon or funeral service!
- Planning and preparation for funeral of Delores Paulsen (Tuesday, November 12)
- Boundaries workshop at Shepherd of the Cross Lutheran, Muscatine
 - Required by Office of the Bishop
- Wednesday men's Bible study group
- Pastoral Visits: 16
- Gave the invocation and blessing at the retirement of Brandon Keeler from the Iowa Army National Guard after 26 years. Event was held at the high school with many in attendance.
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Faith Forward team meeting
- Visited with new members
 - McFarland family
- Wednesday night faith formation
- Visit with quilters group
- Crestview worship
- Attended West Branch High School musical "Shrek"
 - Several Bethany youth participating
- Lead opening prayer of Veterans Day meal hosted by Lions Club at Bethany

Upcoming

- Evening of Gratitude

- Hosted by Bishop Current
- At Christ the King Lutheran, Iowa City
- 6:00 PM
- Delores Paulsen Funeral – November 12
- Asher Goodman baptism – November 17

Secretary's Report- Courtney

- October Council Meeting Minutes
 - Howard moved to approve; Cindy seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jon

- October Treasurer's Report
 - Cindy moved to approve; Howard seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Howard

- Water line to parsonage is a lead line and needs replaced. Howard to get a quote from Lynch's Plumbing.
- Tree carving is finished. Recommendation is to be sealed annually. Plan to install a solar light to shine on tree for now.
- Great Hall needs carpet cleaned. Howard received quotes from Randy's carpet cleaning and Stanleys. Howard moved to approve Randy's carpet cleaning in great hall for \$814.20 using funds from the Capital Improvement Fund. Dale seconded. Motion approved.
- Potentially add a mailbox outside of the church with a lock to prevent any missing packages. Paster Chad updated website to include the PO Box. Table the mailbox for now.
- New door to be installed in parsonage.
- Kitchen flooring needs replaced in parsaonge. Howard to get a quote for materials and install.

Education & Youth- Kristen & Courtney

- Christmas program will be Dec. 15th. Doing the same program as last year.
- Sunday School continues to be going well.

Evangelism & Missions – Jessica

- Nothing to report

Fellowship – Pat

- Employee Appreciation Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, and All Saints Sunday all went well.
- Plans are set in motion for our 34th Cookie Walk, which will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9am-11am. We have asked for people to bring cookies by 8:30am on that Saturday. There is a poster on the

office door for people to sign up to greet, kitchen helpers, cookie helpers, check out table, and clean up. Hopeful that Jill Barnhart will be playing music during the Cookie Walk. Sue Hughes has set up people to decorate Friday, December 6th.

- The Bruns will be doing the 4th Sunday Meal on Sunday, November 24th. This will be the last one for the year 2024.

Stewardship- Dale

- Received 13 pledge cards
- Met with stewardship committee to and came up with ideas of canvas bags with Bethany logo, metal water bottle with logo, and possibly upgrading water fountain to a refill station. Stewardship committee decided to move forward with canvas bag with logo.
- Dale to reach out to Lynch's Plumbing for a quote for a refill station.
- Committee to possible do an inventory of the single use plasticware in the church and see how we can decrease.

Worship and Music – Cindy

- Hanging of the greens service set for December 1st.
- Plan to bring out Christmas decorations 11/24 after the service.
- Poinsettia price went up and will be \$12.50 this year.

Old Business

- Potential Capital Improvement Projects
 - Parsonage updates, carpet replacement, change lights to LED throughout building, handicap railing needs replaced, lead pipe repair. Howard to share priority list with council next meeting.
- Solar Tax Credit update
 - Table until next meeting when John is present.
- 2025 Budget discussions
 - Council needs to review their budget and send any recommendations or changes to executive committee.

New Business

- New member approval
 - Cindy moved to approve the McFarland's as new members. Dale seconded. Motion approved.
- Set annual meeting date
 - Howard moved to have the annual meeting January 19th, 2025. Cindy seconded. Motion approved.
- Other
 - Howard moved to increase Pastor Chad's credit card limit to \$3,000 from \$1,500 and increase the secretary's credit card limit to \$1,000 from \$500. Dale seconded. Motion approved.

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, Cindy seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting December 9th, 2024