

## Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Call to Order** at 6:29pm by President Kent Kaufman

Members Present: Jon Twing, Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Cindy Knoop, Kent Kaufman, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Jessica Fonseca, Howard Moss, Courtney Heid, Pat Cassabaum

Members absent: none

### Opening Prayer & Discussion

### Pastor's Report

#### *Joys and Thanksgivings*

- Worship
  - Children's Program, First communion, Christmas Eve
- 2024 Budget
  - Finish with a surplus of \$8,784.21
  - Thanks to God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of the people of Bethany Lutheran
  - Projecting balanced budget for 2025
- Retiring Council Members
  - Kent, Cindy, Howard
    - Thanks for your leadership, faithfulness, and service

#### *Ministry Happenings*

- Funerals
  - Karen Brick, Betty Slach
- 13 Pastoral Visits
- Faith Forward
  - Meeting with coach
  - Meeting with leaders and peers
  - BLC Team Meeting
    - Events Scheduled
      - High School – Sunday, Feb 16
      - Congregation Wide – Wednesday, February 26
- Education
  - Wednesday Faith Formation
  - Wednesday Morning Men's Group
- WBARC Meeting
  - See Annual Report posted on bulletin boards
  - Annual Pulpit Exchange to be held April 27
- First Communion Instruction – Easton
- Crestview Worship
- Meet with Wartburg Seminary student mentoring
- Attend Angel Meals and quilting group
- Pre-Marital counseling
- Administrative

- Assist Paula with annual report preparation
- Assist with newsletter
- Worship bulletins
- Social Media postings, website maintenance, etc.
- Attend band concert at high school to see youth
- Attend basketball games

#### *Upcoming*

- Faith Forward events noted above
- Ash Wednesday – March 5

#### **Secretary's Report- Courtney**

- December Council Meeting Minutes
  - Howard moved to approve; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report- Jon**

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

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Building and Grounds – Howard

- City will hook up landscape meter on west side of church in the spring, will be separate from other water meter.
- Solar light placed for statue
- Casper's Lawn Maintenance is planning to power wash front of church in spring/summer
- Refillable soap dispensers purchased and will be installing soon

##### Education & Youth- Kristen & Courtney

- Christmas program was a success
- Seven children completed their First Communion

##### Evangelism & Missions – Jessica

- No report

##### Fellowship – Pat

- Getting good sign-up response for fellowship
- Fourth Sunday meal January – Pat and Heidi

##### Stewardship- Dale

- The committee has come up with a proposal to set up an account for plastic reduction efforts, mainly installing water bottle filler station.

- Motions from Dale:
  - Utilize up to \$2500 from the temporary memorial fund to support the Stewardships Committee's plastic free initiative which includes purchase and installation of a new water fountain/water bottle fill station.
  - Utilize up to \$1000 from the internal ministry fund to support the plastic free initiative which includes purchasing water bottles and reusable bags.
    - Cindy moves to approve both motions; Howard seconded. Motion approved.
- Stewardship committee plans to do audit of church functions to assess plastic use in other areas.

#### Worship and Music – Cindy

- Christmas Eve services were well attended
- Welcome new members Sunday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **Old Business**

- Capital improvement projects
  - Kitchen flooring in parsonage- Chad and Amanda have been looking around and are working on getting estimates.
- Solar tax credit
  - Jon has applied for the tax credit.
- Parsonage water line
  - Estimate from Lynch's Excavating to replace lead water lines serving parsonage and replace concrete of driveway that is disturbed- \$6887.
    - Dale moved to recommend to the congregation at the annual meeting the use of Lynch's Excavating for the above requirements. Howard seconded. Motion approved.
    - The council discussed utilizing funds from Mission Investment fund.

#### **New Business**

- Set fair market value for parsonage
  - Jon moved to set fair market value of parsonage of \$11800 based on survey of landlords in the congregation. Dale seconded. Motion approved.
- WBARC support
  - \$400 budgeted to payout to WBARC

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm, Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

**Closed** with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024