

Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes August 12th, 2024

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

Members absent: Pat Cassabaum

Opening Prayer & Discussion

Pastor's Report

Joys and Thanksgivings

- Vacation (Thanks to Pastor Pries and Jon T. for filling in!)
- VBS (Thanks to everyone who made this such a success!)

Ministry Happenings

- 19 pastoral visits
- Crestview worship
 - Thanks to Claudia B. and Bruce J. for assisting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Men's Bible study
- Administrative
 - Bulletins/newsletters/website/other communication
- Attend Cedar County Fair (connect with kids and watch rodeo that Samuelson family competing in)
- Sermon prep
- Prayer
- Visit with quilting group
- Faith Forward
 - Team assembled (Nancy B., Amanda W., Brad and Jill K.)
 - First meeting August 20
- Vacation Bible School
- Meeting with Amber M. to plan for Wednesday Faith Formation
- Attend June fourth Sunday dinner

Upcoming

- Online Sermon Camp (continuing education) (August 18-23 and then weekly for 5 weeks)
- Wednesday Faith Formation Kickoff (September 4)
- Executive Team Meeting (September 16)
- Deep Breath Retreat at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton, WI (10/21-10/24)

Secretary's Report- Courtney

- June Council Meeting Minutes

- Kristen moved to approve; Howard seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jon

- June Treasurer's Report
 - Howard moved to approve; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.
- July Treasurer's Report
 - Cindy moved to approve; Howard seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Howard

- Move timer light from old hope chest room to front door light

Education & Youth- Kristen & Courtney

- VBS Recap

Evangelism & Missions – Jessica

- GWOH
 - Haven't had a lot of luck getting call backs when reaching out to community members – will continue to work on it.
 - For sure project at Frostestad's.

Fellowship – Pat

- August 4th Sunday meal – Paula Casper
- Do we have a 4th Sunday meal on December 22nd?
 - Council consensus is to NOT have a meal on December 22nd.

Stewardship – Dale

- Last meeting focused on plastic use- have some ideas for our church to implement this
 - Replace water fountain with water bottle fill station?
 - Purchase/sell metal/stainless steel water bottles for the congregation?

Worship and Music – Cindy

- Thanks to those who filled in while Chad was on vacation.
- Outdoor worship September 15th with brunch following service.
 - Poppen's will help organize.

Old Business

- Capital Improvement Projects
 - Met with Chad and Amanda about things needing attention in the parsonage.

- Tree by the front of the church
 - John Black is raising money to proceed with the project – per Jon Twing, he has pledged to cover cost.
 - Group has met with tree carver and there are ideas in the process.
 - Dale motioned to approve moving forward with project; Howard seconded. Motion approved.
- Solar Tax Credit
 - Jon Twing will contact Rabe to follow up on submitting forms for tax credit/rebate.
- Council Retreat
 - Did not work out for dates in August, will continue to keep in mind for future dates.

New Business

- None

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm, Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting September 9th, 2024