

Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes June 10th, 2024

Call to Order at 6:33pm by President Kent Kaufman

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

Members absent: Kristen Van Scoyoc, Pat Cassabaum

Opening Prayer & Discussion

Pastor's Report

Joys and Thanksgivings

- Council – Great leadership/Thanks for all you do!
- Senior Recognition
 - Thanks to our 2 seniors for being present
 - Thanks to the choir for singing
 - Thanks to Kristen for making the gift baskets, Cindy's help & Pat for fellowship
- Bridge
 - Thanks Al, Del, Kent & Dru

Ministry Happenings

- 12 pastoral visits
- Synod Assembly
 - Thanks again Dave B. & Laura T. for representing Bethany
- Crestview worship
 - Thanks to Pam Glandon for assisting
- Men's Bible study
 - Help lead (Thanks to Jon T. & Al B. for assisting)
- Administrative
 - Bulletins/newsletters/website/other communication
- Attend Auron & Chloe graduation open houses
- Sermon prep
- Prayer
- Visit with quilting group
- Faith Forward
 - Assembling team
 - Created display in Great Hall
 - Zoom meeting with coach
 - Cohort Zoom meeting

Upcoming

- Vacation (June 26-July 2)
 - Pastor Hougen filling in 6/30
- Exec. Team Meeting (June 17)
- VBS (July 15-18)

- Vacation (July 30-August 10)
 - Pastor Mark Pries (8/4); Jon Twing (8/11)

Secretary's Report- Courtney

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

Treasurer's Report- Jon

- May Treasurer's Report
 - March and April reports were incorrect – cause of this was found and things were corrected with assistance from Claudia B. and Jill T.
 - Howard moved to approve; Dale seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Howard

- Active Shooter Emergency Response device received from the new insurance company – two more purchased for other areas in the church.
 - Chad met with police chief to coordinate this.
- New insurance company also provided smoke detector, water leak detector – when these go off, it will notify Chad and Howard through an app on their phones.
- Accessibility ramp – all done, thank you to everyone who helped.
- Lights in the small hall changed to LED bulbs.
- Parsonage water faucet broke- replaced
- Blinds in parsonage were under warranty still – new ones obtained.
- Working on lists for parsonage and church updates needed.
 - Ideas for GWOH-
 - Stain the sides of the accessibility ramp
 - Spires on alter above candles – covered in soot, need to clean

Education & Youth- Kristen & Courtney

- VBS preparation continues

Evangelism & Missions – Jessica

- GWOH
 - Setting up committee
 - Reached out to City of WB and Hoover Museum for ideas

Fellowship – Pat via email

- Fellowship Committee Meeting with Sue H. in May.
- 4th Sunday Meal
 - Lee & Pat Cassabaum, Heidi Christensen, and Pastor Chad will be doing the 4th Sunday Meal this June.
 - The July Sunday Meal will be Beyer's and Schubert's.
 - August and December for the 4th Sunday is still open.

Stewardship – Dale

- Meeting planned for Sunday 6/16

Worship and Music – Cindy

- Business as usual

Old Business

- Outdoor/Picnic Service – developing committee to plan
 - September 15th as a celebration service
 - Slide show of photos from GWOH
 - Sunday School first class / incorporate youth
- Red Cross update- Chad hasn't heard anything from the Red Cross or George

New Business

- Meeting minutes – request to approve minutes faster and/or post somewhere for congregation members to have more timely access.
 - Could we approve via email within the week after the meeting and post on the website?
 - This would be hard as we legally have to have documentation of approval process – not something we can do at this time.
 - We will post approved minutes on the website within a couple days of approval. This makes it 30 days after the meeting, rather than the 60 days with the current procedure of posting it in the next newsletter.
- Maple tree in front of church is dying – John Black is in the process of getting bids for removal and/or possible carving the trunk of the tree. Scott Marsh is helping with possible designs for the carving. They will bring a proposal to the council.
- Summer meeting schedule
 - No July meeting

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm, Jon seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting August 12th, 2024

