

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

August 6, 2019 - 5:30pm

Marian Barry, Judy Brando's, Adrienne Miller, Mark Petersen, Lynn Johnson, Joyce Peterson, Val Johnson, Julie Nelson, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson

Additional attendees: Pastor Tom, Amy Fronning

Call to Order: Mark

Open Forum Time: Joyce P - possible book for Open Forum discussion

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Val - 2nd by Lynn, passed

Devotions: led by Pastor Tom

Comments from Pastor: looking to the future

Treasurer's Report: Given by Amy - things are looking good.

Action Items:

- Request funds of up to \$2,000 for the Beyond the Building Campaign completion celebration Sunday, September 29, 2019 - meal and activities out of the general fund, motion by Tom R - 2nd by Adrienne, passed
- Request to purchase tables to replace the bulky heavy rectangle ones with easier to move, rolling tables up to \$11,500, to be paid out of the general fund, motion by Val - 2nd by Lynn, passed

Updates/Reports:

- Property & Management: update on cement work, green space cleanup & other ongoing projects
- Church Directory: Hospitality committee is moving forward with a new church directory for this fall. We will be doing a directory where members submit a picture for the directory. There will be a few opportunities to have a non-professional-informal picture taken for use for the directory only (no picture sales). There will be a cost to purchase a directory (\$5).

Discussion Topics:

- Church Council giving direction to the Call Committee on what skill sets and characteristics to be looking for in a pastor candidate.
- Parental Leave Policy - need to create one based on synod recommendation - directed to the Personnel Committee
- Seminary Student Support (Anna Gervais) - start working on a plan for the next 1-2 years on what and how much the church will be able to commit
- The future of the church bus - small group of people will look into this
- Looking for new ideas on how to raise money for the Deacons Fund (Children's Noisy Offering funds from now until the end of 2019 will go towards the Deacons Fund, motion by Val - 2nd by Joyce, passed)

Announcements:

- Mid-week summer worship services with the ELCA congregations in Fergus Falls area is going really well. The last Wednesday worship service will be August 28 here at Bethlehem.
- The Summer Sunday Worship schedule ends Sunday, September 1 (Labor Day Weekend) and Sunday, September 8 we will go back to two Sunday worship services at 8:30am and 10:15am.
- Rally Sunday - September 8th
- Beyond the Building Campaign Completion Celebration - Sunday, September 29 - one worship service at 9:30am followed by a meal and activities

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30pm at Bethlehem

Adjournment: Motion by Val - 2nd by Lynn, passed

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2019

Lord's Prayer