

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

December 10, 2019 - 5:30pm

Marian Barry, Adrienne Miller, Mark Petersen, Jeff Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Kim Langbehn, Ryan Anderson, Val Johnson, Jenna Noland, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson
Additional attendees: Pastor Tom, Amy Fronning

Call to Order: Mark

Open Forum Time: n/a

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

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Kim. Monthly giving for November is slightly down but reflects more "up-to-date" contributions to people's pledges. Benevolence are all up to date.

Devotions: Pastor Tom - "The Fourth Wiseman"

Comments from Pastor: Article from The Washington Post - Paying/Giving It Forward, Ongoing work on the Shut-In List

Items for Business:

- Action Item: Request from Property and Management to pay for elevator repairs, cost of \$3,537.07 (line item 800.100.00 - Building Fund Restricted) motion by Tom, 2nd by Val
- Action Item: Approve Pastor Tom's 2020 Housing Allowance Amount of \$27,000, motion by Glen - 2nd by Jenna, passed
- Action Item: Request to use Thrivent Funds to purchase unfulfilled Tree of Hope gifts - up to \$1,000. (Line item 800.500.06 Thrivent Funds Rev, account balance as of November 30th is \$5,531), motion by Ryan - 2nd by Marian, passed
- Action Item: Motion by Lynn to request \$2,000 from Bethlehem Foundation to be used toward the purchase of Fellowship Hall chairs - 2nd by Jeff, passed

Discussion:

- Call Committee Update: Synod is holding the posting of the Sr. Pastor position until Pastor Tom has officially retired. Looking at the possibility of fulfilling an interim Associate Pastor position.
- First reading of the proposed 2020 budget, motion from Ryan to increase Synod benevolence payment for 2020 to \$30,000 (increase of \$6,000) - 2nd by Jeff, passed
- Sub-committee and chair for surplus Mission & Outreach Funds: Val, Jenna, Adrienne, Glen, Amy
- Ken - update on the church bus, bus is usable for short trips as is, looking towards purchasing a "new to us" 21-30 passenger bus with hydraulic brakes in next few years, will have preliminary pricing for January meeting

Announcements:

- VSP Christmas Dinner and Program Thursday, December 12th. Worship starts at 11am, lunch at 11:30 and program to follow. The program will be Dennis Johnson, Susie Sanner and Bo Anderson on the organ
- Middle School Youth Night, Friday, December 13th from 9:15-11pm following the boys basketball game
- Advent Mid-week worship services continue December 11th and 18th at First Lutheran Church. Two worship services offered each Wednesday, 12:10pm followed by lunch and again at 6:30pm, no meal in the evening
- Christmas Worship Schedule:
Sunday, December 22nd - regular services at 8:30am and 10:15am
Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Services: 3:30pm, traditional (radio)
5:30pm, Readers Theatre
11:00pm, Holy Communion
Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day Service: 10am, Holy Communion (radio)
Sunday, December 29th - 10:00am (radio)
- No Sunday School December 22nd and 29th, resumes January 5th
- No 4:6, Confirmation or 9:12 Senior High Youth Group December 25th or January 1st or January 8th
- Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th with one worship service at 9:30am and Chili Cook Off to follow the meeting

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, January 14th at 5:30pm at Bethlehem

Adjournment: Motion by Lynn - 2nd by Adriann passed
Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2019
Lord's Prayer