

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

January 14, 2020 - 5:30pm

Marian Barry, Judy Bradow, Adrienne Miller, Mark Petersen, Jeff Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Kim Langbehn, Joyce Peterson, Ryan Anderson, Val Johnson, Julie Nelson, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson

Additional attendees:

Call to Order: Mark

Call Committee Update & Special Guest Bishop Bill Tesch

Open Forum Time: n/a

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve by Lynn - 2nd by Marian

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Kim

Comments from Pastor: n/a

Action Items:

- Action Item: Finalize and Approve 2020 Budget, motion by Val - 2nd by Lynn, passed
- Action Item: Request to spend up to \$15,000 to purchase chairs for the Fellowship Hall and My Place, 260 stacking chairs and 4 chair mover carts. The Bethlehem WELCA will give \$3,000 and the Bethlehem Foundation will give \$2,000 towards the purchase. Recommendation for the remaining \$10,000 is to use \$5,000 from the Thrivent Funds (Rev Account 800.500.06 - current balance is \$5,531.00) and \$5,000 from the General Fund. The Property & Management Team along with Amy will coordinate the delivery process. Motion by Val, 2nd by Ryan, passed

Old Business/Updates:

- Agenda for the Annual Meeting - any business or resolutions needed?
- Update from Ken Martin with preliminary pricing for a new church bus
Bus dealer in Monticello: looking for 23+2 (room for 2 wheelchairs), 45,000-60,000 mileage (\$40,000-60,000 price range), hydraulic brakes, need a Class C with passenger endorsement license - look to see this purchase in place for summer mission trips
- Update from the sub-committee for surplus Mission & Outreach Funds
- Update on the status of the GriefShare Program - Joyce Peterson

Announcements:

- Open Forum, Sunday, January 19th between services at 9:45am for presentation and Q & A of the 2020 budget
- No Sunday School January 19th - MLK
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 20-24, 2020. This is the 4th year the congregations in this community set aside a week for a visible witness to our one mission in Christ as we get together for daily mid-week prayer services. Bethlehem will be hosting on Tuesday, January 21st. We meet at 12:10-12:35pm and there is a light lunch of soup and bread served after the service. The schedule for this year is: January 20 Federated Church, January 21 Bethlehem Lutheran, January 22 Abundant Life, January 23 Salvation Army and January 24 Peace Methodist
- Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 26th with one worship service at 9:30am and Chili Cook Off to follow the meeting
- Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Packaging, Saturday, February 1st from 8-10am at Scheels Arena in Fargo. The Bethlehem bus will be taking a group at this time. If you would like to go sign up in the church office.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30pm at Bethlehem

Adjournment: Motion by Jeff - 2nd by Judy, passed

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2020

Lord's Prayer