

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

February 11, 2020 - 5:30pm

Jeff Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Ryan Anderson, Val Johnson, Julie Nelson, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson, Alisha Helgeson, Adrienne Miller, Rud Wasson

Additional attendees: Pastor Tom, Amy Fronning, Ken Desselier

Call to Order: Jeff

Open Forum Time: JoEllen Thacker - formally request Thrivent funds for WELCA

Welcome to New Council Members and Introductions

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

Treasurer's Report: Beginning General Fund Balance for 2020 (GFB) is \$95,418.02, Year to date we have a positive revenue vs expense balance for the month of January of \$13,118.10, Tithes and Offerings are up in both envelopes pledged and non pledged, benevolence payments are up to date

Devotions: Pastor Tom

Comments from Pastor and Director of Faith Formation: Ken - Fancy Rib Dinner Sunday, March 22nd (new fundraiser opportunity), busy activities for all ages of youth, high school students stepping forward as leaders for the middle school students; Pastor Tom - looking towards worship planning/times for summer months, worship technology

Action Items:

- Action Item: Election of Church Council Officers and approval as signers for bank accounts. A motion by Jeff, 2nd by Tom R to elect the following slate of officers for 2020, passed
 - President/Chair: Jeff Hatlewick
 - Vice President/Vice Chair: Julie Nelson
 - Secretary: Val Johnson
 - Treasurer: Kim Langbehn

The elected officers: the President of the council Jeff Hatlewick, Vice President Julie Nelson, and Treasurer Kim Langbehn and the following staff members: Thomas Peterson and Amy Fronning, are authorized to sign the following bank accounts at Bank of the West, and the account at Security State Bank.

- Request from the Discipleship Team and Property and Management Team to purchase window shades for the new Mother's Room. The cost is \$1,200 to be paid from the Furniture and Fixtures line item 530.100.10. Motion by Lynn, 2nd by Ryan, passed
- Thrivent Fund Request: Val made a motion to give \$1,500 of Thrivent Funds to WELCA when the fund reaches that amount, 2nd by Lynn, passed
- Thrivent Fund Request: Glen made a motion to give \$1,500 of Thrivent Funds (to be used for summer trips) to the Youth when the fund reaches that amount, 2nd by Julie, passed
- Seminary Student Application Fee: Julie made a motions to give \$600 towards the Seminary Application Fee for Beth Monke to be paid from the Seminary Support line item 520.100.04, 2nd by Adrienne, passed

Old Business/Updates:

- Update on Interim Associate Pastor: one candidate has been interviewed, two more rostered ministry profiles have been received, executive council handles the hiring process for the interim
- Update from the Call Committee: Sr Pastor position will be posted in May
- Update from the subcommittee for surplus Mission & Outreach Funds: recommendation for disbursement of the excess General Fund Balance (\$95,000) - \$30,000 to remain in the General Fund (as recommended by the Finance Committee), \$40,000 for the purchase of a church bus, \$25,000 left for disbursement to mission/outreach, more details will be presented in March regarding this disbursement. A motion was made by Lynn to place \$40,000 into a temporarily restricted fund to be used to purchase a bus when one becomes available with Ken Martin authorized to make this purchase, 2nd by Alisha, passed

New Business:

- Recap of the Annual Meeting: Discussion on the motion from the Annual Meeting to have the Council review the custodian position. We currently contract for general church cleaning with Pinnacle and Productive Alternatives, snow removal is contracted to be handled after a "snow event"

Announcements:

- Wedding Shower for Ken and Sarah, Sunday, February 15th between services in Fellowship Hall

- Ash Wednesday: February 26th, worship services at 12:10pm and 6:30pm, soup lunch following noon service and soup supper at 5:30pm. This will be a fundraiser for the youth. There will be no Ignite 4:6 youth group, confirmation or Blaze senior high youth group
- Habitat for Humanity Work Session Day, Saturday, February 29th from 9am-1pm. Sign up in the church office if you are able to help
- No Sunday School March 1st
- Mid-Week Lenten Services will again be a rotation with the other five ELCA churches in Fergus Falls. Bethlehem will be hosting the first week, March 4th. Services are at 12:10pm and 6:30pm. Soup lunch to follow noon worship and soup supper at 5:30pm

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

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

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2020

Lord's Prayer