

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

June 9, 2020 - 5:30pm

Jeff Hatlewick, Lynn Johnson, Joyce Peterson, Ryan Anderson, Val Johnson, Julie Nelson, Jenna Noland, Tom Rasmusson, Alisha Helgeson, Scott Kummrow, Adrienne Miller, Rud Wasson, Tom Welle
Additional attendees: Pastor Tom, Amy Fronning, Ken Desselier

Call to Order: Welcome from Jeff

Open Forum Time: n/a

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

Treasurer's Report: Positive expense/revenue report for May, 2nd batch of new chairs have been purchased

Devotions: Pastor Tom

Comments from Ken and Pastor Tom: Ken - meeting with families via pizza in the park, coffee and conversations with the high schoolers in the park, biking get togethers, Sunday School videos each week. Pastor Tom - retirement letter, continued visitation via phone, Sunday collaboration with Zion is going well

New Business:

- Action Item: Accept Pastor Tom's letter of retirement - motion by Lynn to accept Pastor Tom's letter of retirement, last day to be July 31st - 2nd by Ryan, passed
- Action Item: Request to provide seminary support to Beth Monke - motion by Val to provide seminary financial support to Beth Monke in the amount of \$1,200 a year, to be paid from the seminary assistance line item - 2nd by Scott, passed
- Action Item: Request to purchase BRIC LINK II Encoder/Decoder to replace our old noisy and obsolete system. This is the piece that transmits the worship service to the radio station. Tabled until the July meeting for set cost of cable installation
- Update on Interim Pastor positions: Pastor Sue will begin the Sr. Pastor Interim position August 1st. Jeff will be contacting the synod for additional names for the Interim Associate position.
- Update from the COVID-19 Task Force and new order from Governor Walz. Members: Jenna Noland, Glen Noyes, Pastor Tom, Ken and Amy - Working draft of Preparedness Plan for Bethlehem
- Request from a family for an in-person funeral service. Motion from to Lynn to continue with the 10 or less people funeral policy put in place at the April 2020 council meeting - 2nd by Jenna, passed
- Scott made a motion for the planning of an outdoor July 19th Confirmation service for our 5 Confirmands - 2nd by Adrienne, passed

Old Business/Updates:

- Update on Holy Communion at home - letters went out to members regarding home Communion instruction. This will be added to the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
- Update from Surplus Mission and Outreach Funds Committee

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, July 14th at 5:30pm; location or via Zoom TBD

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

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2020

Lord's Prayer