

BETHANY LUTHERAN Church COUNCIL

DECEMBER 9, 2021

Attendance:

Jan Olson – President
Mike Nelson – Vice President
Jack Bartlett – Secretary
Doug Buffington - Zoom
Sam Schurke
Leoma Taylor
Kelly Jorgenson
Eddie Crutsinger-Zoom
Pastor Shawn Osborn

Ken Olson – Treasurer -Guest-Zoom

Meeting called to order by Jan Olson 6:30 PM

Absent

Craig Asmus - Excused

Prayer Request: 6 members of the Council brought up prayer requests. Pastor Shawn gave the opening prayer and included the six prayer requests.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and approved for audit. Ken also presented the finalized **Annual Budget (2022)** for the Church and it was approved by the Council.

Pastor's Report:

- Still volunteering 3 times a month at Grounded on Fridays from 3-6pm.
- Staying current on all visitations.
- Osborne family helped decorate downtown Bigfork on November 20th.
- New wrestling mats purchased from donation from Bethany Women's bible study, will be here December 14th.
- Prepping Christmas service stuff and the last two Advent Sundays.
- Osborne family doing an overnight in Coeur d' Alene December 21-22 to observe the Christmas light celebration.
- No Sunday School or confirmation class on December 26 and January 2nd.
- Don and Julie Featherstone will be joining the church officially in January.
- Designed and purchased 500 business cards for the Church for \$25.00.

President's report:

- Thank you, Elves who decorated the church so beautifully! Definitely puts us in the mood for Christmas.
- The tree in the Narthex laden with mittens, caps, scarves and lovingly crocheted crosses for Hospice patients to the array of stockings for Lake View Care Center

residents. We are blessed to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with our Community.

- Chris Miller needs your annual committee reports before December 29, 2021.

Correspondence: The Church received a beautifully written letter written on December 4, 2021 from Steven and Donna Vinnedge from Great Falls, MT. The letter will be posted on the bulletin board for all to read. Steven Vinnedge is the son of Wally Vinnedge and it described how impressed he was in our Pastor Shawn's ability and extra efforts to help his father in his spiritual needs. Steven wants us to know "that you have a special treasure in Pastor Shawn. God bless all of your work to bring the Good News to people who desperately need the Hope of Christ." A check for the church was enclosed with the letter. A letter of appreciation and acknowledgement will be sent to Steven and Donna Vinnedge by the Secretary and I will visit Wally personally.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Approved as submitted and filed for audit.

Worship and Music Report: Doug Buffington is working on a schedule.

Property Report:

- Snow plough once this year so far.
- New Janitor position interview conducted December 8th and Kara Ann Palmer will be our new janitor.
- Last Sunday's funeral resulted in many grease stains in the carpet around the altar and required professional cleaning by Heaven's Best Carpet cleaning of Ferndale for \$445.00. The Council will work on a damage clause in our rental agreement.
- Our Electronic Bill Board is malfunctioning and Ken Olson has contacted Western Neon of Kalispell to repair the sign. The Council recommended that we find someone to manage the sign's messages to coincide with church activities throughout the year.

Congregational Life Report:

- Potluck Lutefisk dinner a great success.
- Farewell to Kent and Mae Bolstad was celebrated with choir send off, bible signing by Church members and fellowship cake gathering.
- A potluck gathering at fellowship hour on November 28 gave us the opportunity to see his slides of his trip to Greece following in Apostle Paul's footsteps.
- Decorated the Church after the potluck fellowship hour.
- Recommend an appreciation potluck dinner early next year for all the Sunday school teachers, their volunteer assistants, and Church musicians.

Care Team Report: This has been a quiet month for CT. I am reporting 3 meals were provided. Like last year I will be sending Christmas cards to our homebound people soon.

Beyond Our Walls Report:

- Next years Special Offerings will remain the same except add Military Bible Sticks in place of Shepard's hand Clinic.
- A list of all Special Offerings and mission description have been sent to all Council members.
- Seven requests for Special Offerings have been received this year and they are not local.

Approval of November Minutes: Approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- The projector system was discussed and the Council decided to task a special team of Russ Miller, Ken Olson and Jack Bartlett to determine form fit and function to in-sure that we decide what we actually need for improvement.
- Currently, there are two Council vacancies at the end of this year and President Jan Olson will inform the Nominating Committee.
- Advertising Christmas Eve Services in local publications for \$475.00 was approved by the Council.

New Business:

- Six members have been converted to inactive status in accordance of the Church bylaws for not being active in the Church for over two years.
- The Prayer Shawl ministry have requested \$500.00 from the Thrivent Fund and this was approved by the Council.
- Annual Reports due to Chris Miller on or before December 29, 2021.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: 8:45PM

Next Meeting: January 13, 2022, in the Library@ 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted

Jack Bartlett
Secretary