

BETHANY LUTHERAN Church COUNCIL

MAY 12, 2022

Attendance:

Jan Olson – President
Mike Nelson – Vice President
Jack Bartlett – Secretary.
Sam Schurke
Doug Buffington
Kelly Jorgenson
Keith Kapelke.
Bill Hagen
Pastor Shawn Osborne

Absent:

Eddie Crutsinger - Excused

Guests:

Ken Olson, Treasurer
Jerry Wiedebush

Meeting called to order by Jan Olson 6:30 PM

Prayer Request: Members of the Council brought up 8 prayer requests. Pastor Shawn gave the opening prayer and included the 8 prayer requests.

March Minutes: Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and approved for audit.

Pastor's Report:

- Rebecca Gilliard is our new pianist (you're welcome).
- Sea Scouts raised about \$10,000 parking cars at the Spartan Race.
- Ron Harapat, Ray Poston, and Bill Lester erected the outdoor rope climbing tower and pullup bar behind the Parsonage carport. Mission Ready will kick off on May 31, 2022 at 4:00 PM.
- I made the decision to add an extra Communion Service whenever the month has five Sundays.
- Rhyan Buetiner from Middle Ground will be here for the May 22 service to raise money for her ministry in Haiti combating malnutrition.
- Four children will be confirmed Sunday May 22 service.
- Ava and Amelia Ohrn will be baptized during June 12 service.
- Vacation Bible Study meeting scheduled for May 15 after church. Need more volunteers.
- Seth delivered food to Shirley Emslie's family May 10th.
- It's been such a joy serving here. Thank you so much for calling me to Bethany.

President's report:

- Treasurer Ken Olson will answer questions about the 22-23 budget.
- A heartfelt thank you to Congregational Life for the beautiful Mother's Day flowers.
- Fellowship Hour is lively and well attended.

- Snowbirds are trickling back, so please make sure you greet them warmly. Continue to meet and greet new folks at church. A warm welcoming smile makes all the difference.

Correspondence:

- The Secretary received a call from our manager of our investment funds at DA Davidson to answer any questions about the volatile stock market, and I encouraged him to manage the funds with his skills of diversification.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music Report:

- The Council expressed their enthusiastic appreciation of our new pianist.

Property Report:

- Ken Olson and Mike Nelson repaired the southern-most ceiling fan in the sanctuary on Saturday April 30. A new wall mounted switch and control board (in ceiling fan) were required for the repair. A 26' scissor lift was used to access the ceiling fan.
- Our annual spring clean-up is scheduled for next Saturday, May 21st beginning at 09:00. We will be sprucing up the interior of our church and exterior grounds. Please bring shovels, rakes and other implements necessary for clean-up of our grounds and church interior.
- Our scheduled MT Hwy 35 pickup will be postponed for another month as crews from Bigfork cleaned-up our stretch of road this past Earth Day. This was reported to me by MDT Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator Melissa Paradis

Congregational Life Report:

- Carnations were handed out to all our Mothers this Mother's Day.
- A cake will be served during fellowship, on the 22nd of May to celebrate the confirmands (Bryan, Emma, Gabrielle & Otto). Hosted by their families, please join us in the celebrations.
- Many people have been attending Fellowship Hour and contribution to help in the kitchen, bringing food making this a most enjoyable event.
- The sign -up sheet for Fellowship Hour is in the Fellowship Hall and it only takes two people to conduct the duties of Fellowship Hour. Your contact for information is Bill Hagan and Samantha Schurke.
- HUGE Thank You to the Gopps for their many months of setting up the coffee before fellowship! Linda Dahlman has graciously offered to take over their task at the end of May.
- Samantha has requested leaving the Congregational Life Committee and utilize her professional skills on the Property Committee once Eddie Cruisinger departs in July.

Care Team:

- One meal prepared for 10 people and delivered to the family of Shirley Emslie May 10th.
- Two cards and some calls to make arrangements for the meal. Bev helped out.
- Georgia Hensler would appreciate a couple of meals after she gets home from surgery.

Beyond Our Walls Report:

- Monthly Congregation donations to our special offerings are doing well and benevolence contributions add an additional 4% of congregational giving. Around \$900.00 has been collected for each special offering this year. Because of our generous donation we will not have the additional Baby Bottle Drive this year for Hope Pregnancy Center.
- Our Committee is responsible for providing refreshments for June 7, 2022, Blood drive and will announce this to the Congregation and have a sign- up sheet in the Narthex for 12 wrapped sandwiches and 6 dozen cookies.

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Old Business:

- Treasurer Ken Olson presented and explained the 22-23 budget to the Council. All questions were clarified and he was praised for his expertise and transparency.
- Bethany's insurance coverage is currently under review regarding Sea Scout sponsorship.

New Business:

- The Men's Bible Study donated complete funding for the parsonage sewer revision presented by Jerry Wiedebush and Jack Bartlett.
- The Council approved the Lutefisk dinner.
- The Council discussed having a volunteer Webmaster create a Bethany Website "donate button" for the internet church services.
- The Annual Rummage Sale has been rescheduled for June 24th (8:00-4:00) and 25th (8:00-12:00). Drop off dates: Sunday-Wednesday June 19-22nd, pricing day: Thursday June 23rd, Sale Dates: Friday and Saturday June 24-25, clean up: after the sale Saturday the 25th of June.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bartlett,

Secretary