

BETHANY LUTHERAN Church COUNCIL
June15, 2023

Attendance:

Jan Olson – President
Mike Nelson – Vice President
Jack Bartlett – Secretary
Sam Schurke
Keith Kapelke
Doug Buffington
Travis Lake
Pastor Shawn Osborne
Guest- Ken Olson Treasurer

Kelly Jorgenson -Excused
- Bill Hagen _Excused

Meeting called to order by Jan Olson 6:30 PM

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

Correspondence: Nice article in Bigfork Eagle about Pastor, Community Dinners and Mission Ready.

April Minutes and May 28 Special Meeting Minutes: Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted and approved for audit.

Treasurer's Special presentation: Treasurer Ken Olson presented the final worksheet for the 2023-2024 Bethany Lutheran budget proposal. The proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council. The Council recommended that Ken's chart reflecting Bethany Giving vs Expenses, is not meeting our expenses, to be included in the July Annual Report to the Church members.
The Council appreciates all the diligent and transparent work Ken has performed as our Treasurer.

President's Report:

Very pleased with all the work and success in our Vacation Bible Study sessions this year with 40 attendees. I appreciate all the Committee reports and applaud all you do!

Pastor's Report:

- May -13-Visited Bud Robinson and Steve Stapleton in the hospital.
- May 18-Picked up door mats for the back door at Valley Linen at a great savings of only \$20 each.
- May 19-20-Went branding with Doug (awesome experience).
- Jun 1- Visited Gene Lee and Elaine Vandenberg.
- Jun 5- Visited Wally Vinnedge.
- Jun 8-10- In San Antonio, TX for Lydia's audition singing in the Air Force Band. Finished 9th in a competitive (40) singer contestants from all over the world. She will try again later this year.
- Jun 11-Jammed at the Perch with members of the Crossroads.
- Jun 12- Interviewed by the Bigfork Eagle for community dinners and Mission Ready.
- Jun12- Started Vacation Bible Study with 40 attendees, twice the number last year.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Music Report:

- The Wednesday Community Dinners continue to go well, with a good attendance of non-Bethany members: good music and good messages. Attendance has been between 30 and 50.
- Corey is helping with Kelly putting together summer hootenannys. Shoot for one in July and August.
- Sunday attendance continues to be good.

Property Report:

- Bethany has retained Ryan Carr of Rainman sprinkler system to maintain the Church grounds. Must define how to isolate the line servicing the Ark and activate the system and correct any head/line problems.
- Ken Olson has located the heating zone valve regulating the east portion of the Fellowship hall and Doug has installed a plastic cover for the valve opening. Rocky Point Heating has ordered a replacement valve.
- Big Sky Elevator is scheduled to replace a defective Valve Board repairing our elevator {\$2,430.00}.
- Dale Jorgenson removed and disposed of a potentially hazardous birch located on the East side of the Church.
- The exterior of the west side of the church was cleaned two weeks ago. The Lilacs and shrubs were pruned and invasive trees, Russian Olives, Chinese Elm, Fir and Pine trees were removed.
- Doug Featherstone and the Osbornes have mowed the Church grounds.
- A big thank you to all who help the building and maintenance – You are awesome!

Congregational Life:

- Monthly Pot-Luck are well attended and will continue.
- Community Dinners are running smoothly and gaining popularity with new guests from the Community.

Beyond Our Walls:

- Annual Report submitted.
- Good response on providing refreshments for Bethany Annual Blood Drive.

Care Team Report:

- Cards 1
- Meals 1
- Visits 1
- Respite Care 2 for Carroll.
- Visit with Aase, took her a meal and gave Jacqueline a copy of Care Team respite volunteers that could possibly stay with Aase when she does her jewelry at Farmers Market. Both were very receptive.

Old Business:

- The 2023-2024 Budget was approved by the Council.

New Business:

- The Council updated the Church roster in preparation for the Annual Meeting.
- The Cemetery policy was updated by Jan Olson and Nancy Lester for better clarification.
- Elevator is being repaired at a cost of \$2430 with parts that are hard to find and no longer made. We must anticipate a major overhaul or replacement in the future because the elevator is old and parts are becoming unavailable.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Adjourn: 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: July 13, 2023 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bartlett,
Secretary