

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

720 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001

COUNCIL MINUTES

Title: Congregation Council Minutes

Officiating: Frank Larsen

Purpose: Monthly Business Meeting

Recording: Kathy Yale

Date: April 19, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Heritage Room

Scheduled			Actual			Present
Start	Stop	Total	Start	Stop	Total	Number
7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	2 Hrs.	7:10 p.m.	8:25 p.m.	1:15	9
Council Members and Guests			Present	Absent	Position	
Frank Larsen			X		President	
Mary Bliesmer			X		President-Elect	
Bob Ihrig			X		Vice President	
Kathy Yale			X		Secretary	
Diana Olson			X		Treasurer	
Andrew Garry			X		Member-at-Large	
Betty Groth			X		Member-at-Large	
Lori Ruthenbeck			X		Member-at-Large	
Pastor Jay Dahlvang			X		Pastor	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:10 p.m. Frank Larsen	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Jay	DEVOTIONS: "God's Son" by Lois Cheney from <u>The Book of Jesus: A Treasury of the Greatest Stories and Writings About Jesus</u> by Calvin Miller.
REGULAR BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen	AGENDA: Bob Ihrig moved that the agenda be adopted as written. MSC.

Kathy Yale	<p>MINUTES: The March 22, 2011, Regular Meeting and March 27, 2011, Special Meeting were approved on a motion by Mary Bliesmer. MSC.</p> <p>Minutes of the January 30, 2011, Special Meeting taken by Betty Groth were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.</p>
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.</p> <p>ELEVATOR: Diana Olson made a motion to approve paying \$7777.00 to Minnesota Elevator for elevator updates made to bring the elevators up to code as recommended by the Finance Committee. MSC.</p> <p>SNOW PLOWING: Diana Olson made a motion to pay \$337.50 for over-budget snow plowing, as recommended by the Finance Committee. MSC.</p> <p>TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Mary Bliesmer. MSC.</p>
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	<p>PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report.</p> <p>SUMMER SERVICES: Summer Sunday Worship will be changed to 9:45 a.m. to accommodate our new Associate Pastor. Pastor Collette will be done at Medo Lutheran Church at the end of April/early May and will be preaching at Bethlehem on Sunday, June 12, 2011.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen	LETTER OF CALL: Bob Ihrig made a motion to authorize Frank Larsen and Kathleen Yale to sign the Letter of Call to Pastor Collette Broady Price, along with any previously approved related paper work.
Pastor Jay	SYNOD ASSEMBLY: Voting members to attend the Synod Assembly on May 6, & 7, 2011, will be Mary Bliesmer, Frank Larsen and Lori Ruthenbeck.
Frank Larsen Building	<p>BUILDING USE: Frank Larsen appointed Mary Bleismer, Pastor Jay Dahlvang, Betty Groth, Frank Larsen, Lori Ruthenbeck and Tammi Weisenberger to a special subcommittee to review rental contracts due to renew in 2012.</p> <p>BUILDING REPAIRS: Pastor Jay reported that Lutheran Social Services has a list of repairs that need attending and are inquiring as to what our procedure is. In response, the Council is asking our Custodian and the Facilities Management Board to write up a formal policy to be approved by the Council for repair requests made by building occupants.</p> <p>NEW PASTOR: Betty Groth made a motion to approve spending up to \$750.00 of Undesignated Memorial Funds to purchase a computer for Pastor Collette. MSC.</p> <p>Diana Olson reported that the Facilities Management Board has the paint and has made plans to ready an office for our new Associate Pastor.</p>

Andrew Garry	WISH BOOK: Requests for inclusion of items in the Wish Book are a wireless portable microphone and a portable P.A. system. Both were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. See the book at the kiosk for more details.
9:10 p.m. Frank Larsen	ADJOURNED on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. The meeting closed with all joining in the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting: May 19, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

MSC = Motion Seconded and Carried.