

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
720 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001

COUNCIL MINUTES

Title: Congregation Council Minutes

Officiating: James Halbur

Purpose: Monthly Business Meeting

Recording: Kathy Yale

Date: April 20, 2010

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.	7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	2:00	9
Council Members and Guests			Present	Absent	Position	
James Halbur			X		President	
Frank Larsen			X		President-Elect	
Mary Bliesmer			X		Vice President	
Kathy Yale				X	Secretary	
Diana Olson			X		Treasurer	
Betty Groth			X		Member-at-Large	
Dennis Sandersfeld			X		Member-at-Large	
Andrew Garry			X		Member-at-Large	
Pastor Jay Dahlvang			X		Senior Pastor	
Bob Brown			X		Facilities Management Board	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:00 p.m. James Halbur	CALL TO ORDER
Diana Olson	DEVOTIONS: "Wholeness Wheel": Balancing Your Life
OPEN FORUM	
Bob Brown	Shared with us that a "Bethlehem Angel" is providing us with a gift of \$10,000.00 with matching funds from our congregation. These monies will be kept separate from the Capital Fund Drive. This will be called the "Bethlehem Angel Fund" and more information will be coming,

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
James Halbur	AGENDA: Approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
Kathy Yale	MINUTES: Frank Larsen moved that the March 16, 2010, minutes be approved. MSC.
REPORTS	
Pr Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: a couple of main points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New members – 10 adults and 6 kids – Yeah! - Leah Garry is going to school for a Youth Ministry degree - April 21 – Bethlehem staff will have their quarterly planning meeting - Pastor Jay's vacation days – May 24-30 and June 13-19 – Pastor Jay has all things covered regarding needs of Bethlehem.
	Dennis Sandersfeld moved Pastor Jay's vacation be approved. MSC.
OLD BUSINESS	
Jim Halbur	SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING: Good job – All happiness!
NEW BUSINESS	
Jim Halbur	NEW COMMITTEES AND ASSIGNMENTS: Short review. Assigning Council Members tabled until May meeting. Bob Ihrig, new Vice President Lori Ruthenbeck, new Member-at-Large
	NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT: Overview so all are understanding of the purpose and direction of this program. This will be implemented at Bethlehem and all agree it will be a good tool for leadership and balance showing strengths and weaknesses at Bethlehem. We will have a coach to get us started and groups from within our congregation and we should be revisited about 4 times from our coach.
	Mary Bliesmer made a motion to approve using the Natural Church Development program with the first year cost of \$650.00 to be taken from Undesignated Memorial Funds. MCS.

<p>Frank Larsen Pr Jay Dahlvang</p>	<p>REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH MEETING: Redeemer had an outline for us of their wishes and an approximate cost for about 10 hour a week of work – \$20,000.00 per year. We prepared a list of needs for Bethlehem to be presented to Redeemer at the May 5th meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Associate to Pastor Jay – answering to Pastor Jay 2. Lead Pastor at Redeemer 3. Help with visitation – care ministry 4. Working together with Lance and Leah 5. Preaching once a month 6. Liaison to Boards and Committees <p>We would put together a Call Committee including Redeemer members and select a pastor and contract out to Redeemer. More discussion will follow at our May meeting.</p>
<p>Jim Halbur</p>	<p>RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHILDREN’S BOARD: We had approved in February, 2009, the wording changes on the newly proposed one dated April 20, 2010. The changes were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.</p> <p>CHURCH FACILITY USE FEES: Discussed briefly. An email will be sent to Board members of the present policy; we will look it over and address any changes we feel should be made at our May meeting.</p> <p>WISH BOOK: Dennis Sandersfeld made the motion that the following items be added to the Wish Book. MSC.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - File Cabinet – Leah Garry - \$99.00 - FAX Machine – Casey Wytaske - \$89.00 plus \$27.00 for cartridge.
<p>9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNED, with all agreed, on a motion by Diana Olson. The meeting ended with all joining in The Lord’s Prayer.</p>
	<p>NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.</p> <p>Homework for May meeting – <i>Look Out 2009</i> – check it out and see how it will work for Bethlehem. Discuss at our May meeting.</p> <p>Treats and Devotions: Mary Bliesmer</p>

Respectfully Submitted by Betty Groth for and with Kathy Yale.

MSC = Motion Seconded. Carried.