

Bethlehem Council Minutes August 20, 2010

Title August Council Meeting **President** Frank Larsen
Purpose Monthly business **Secretary** Bob Ihrig
Date August 17, 2010 **Time** 7 p.m. **Location** Heritage room

Scheduled			Actual			Council Members and Guests	
Start	Stop	Total Hours	Start	Stop	Total Hours		
7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	2	7:00 p.m.	9:03 p.m.	2:03		
Meeting Members				Present	Absent	Position	
1.	Frank Larsen		x			President	
2.	Mary Bliesmer		x			President-Elect	
3.	Bob Ihrig		x			Vice President	
4.	Kathy Yale			x		Secretary	
5.	Dianna Olson		x			Treasurer	
6.	Andrew Garry		x			Member at Large	
7.	Betty Groth		x			Member at Large	
8.	Lori Ruthenbeck		x			Member at Large	
9.	Pastor Jay Dahlvang		x			Lead Pastor	
10.	Guest: Redeemer Lutheran Council						
11.	Guest: Wally Boyer						
12.	Guest: Bob Brown						
13.	Guest: Julie Erdman						
Time	Topics To Be Discussed					Presenter	
7:00 p.m.	1. Devotions					Pastor Jay	
7:05 p.m.	2. Guests – Redeemer Lutheran Church Council & Guests The BLC congregation approved a call for a second pastor who will have responsibilities with Redeemer and BLC. BLC welcomed Redeemer students for confirmation & Sunday School and all Redeemer members to Wednesday suppers. Redeemer expressed its excitement about the partnership with BLC. New opportunities for Redeemer youth are welcomed. Redeemer sees many common values and interests with BLC. It desires a strong spiritual leader who can also meet the needs of older members including visitation. The September 8 start of BLC confirmation classes will be communicated to Redeemer families. A supply pastor will be used in the interim until the new pastor has been hired.						
7:15 p.m.	3. Guest – Wally Boyer The role of a Call Committee was reviewed by Wally Boyer who served on the previous committee. The call process and						

	<p>committee membership was reviewed. A range of member ages was encouraged for the new committee. Members should be able to effectively represent the interests of the church.</p> <p>BLC proposed an 8-member call committee with 5 BLC and 3 Redeemer members.</p> <p>Redeemer will hold a congregational meeting on August 29 to ask for call committee volunteers.</p> <p>Redeemer will finalize its names by September 7. BLC will have its members finalized by September 10.</p> <p>BLC will be responsible for extending the official call once an individual has been identified for the position.</p> <p>The need for a job description for the 2nd pastor position was identified.</p>	
7:45 p.m.	<p>4. Guest – Julie Erdman</p> <p>The Wednesday Night Suppers were reviewed. Suggestions made in the member surveys will be considered including a salad bar and peanut butter/jelly sandwiches for youth. The meal price will be maintained at \$4.</p> <p>Attendance numbers started to decline in April. It was suggested we may want to end the suppers in May this year. Publicity for the suppers including possible ads in the Free Press, flyers for college students and the Lincoln Park neighborhood was discussed.</p> <p>The first supper is scheduled for September 8.</p>	
8:00 p.m.	<p>5. Guest – Bob Brown</p> <p>The request by the Minnesota Valley Chorale for reduced rental rates was reviewed.</p> <p>Current member and nonmember rates were established last year after a thorough investigation by Casey of rental rates charged by other community and church facilities.</p> <p>Member rates are available for members who request use of facilities for events involving their families, i.e., weddings, receptions, etc. They are not intended to apply to a group in which a BLC member is a member.</p> <p>The need for following these rates was emphasized in order to maintain consistency in how groups are treated. This would avoid the need to constantly address special rate request.</p> <p>The Council agreed to empower Casey to follow the established rate policy. Pastor Jay will communicate this to Casey.</p> <p>Motion M/S/Carried: Charge MN Valley Chorale the non-member fee.</p> <p>An update on use of Angel Fund dollars for building improvements was provided.</p>	
8:15 p.m.	6. Approval of the Agenda	Frank Larsen
8:20 p.m.	7. Approval of the July Minutes: M/S/Carried	Frank Larsen
8:25 p.m.	8. Finance Report	Diana Olson
	Approval of July 31 and August 17 Treasurer's Reports as distributed: M/S/Carried.	

	Motion M/S/Carried: Purchase new office computer for Elizabeth.	
8:35 p.m.	<p>Pastor's Report</p> <p>Written report submitted. Marcia and Jim Nagel are organizing a group at BLC for members who are young married couples of 5 years or less to address concerns and issues they might be facing. Motion M/S/Carried: Circle of Hope guidelines approved. The Performance Review of Pastor Jay has been completed. The Council requested a written report from the committee on what it shared with Pastor Jay. A review of work on the NCDC was provided.</p>	Pastor Jay
8:45 p.m.	<p>10. New Business</p> <p>a. Call Committee A list of prospective call committee members was developed by the Council. They included Lori Bendahl, John Corcoran, Andrew Garry, Amy Heiser, Jim Nagel, Jane Sletta, John Odegard, Marilyn Stall, Marie Slotemaker, Jack Halvorson. Motion M/S/Carried: This list was approved for contact. Lori Ruthenbeck volunteered to contact these members to serve on the committee. A total of 5 BLC members are needed. It is expected that 6 months to a year will be required to complete the call process. Pastor Jay will work with the Synod on the call process.</p> <p>b. Endowment Committee Frank shared a conversation held with the committee about the declining return on CD investments and how this will affect future financial commitments from the Endowment Fund.</p> <p>c. Building Committee Mary shared the results of a meeting of the committee today. The committee would like to pursue a review of future renovation for BLC to address future church needs . A company would be contracted with to conduct this review for a potential maximum cost of \$3,000. Jim Halibur will pursue more details on the actual costs. The committee approved a motion to pursue this study and requested formal approval from the Council. Motion M/S/Carried: Approve the Building Committee motion.</p>	Frank Larsen
9:00 p.m.	11. Closing Prayer	Pastor Jay
9:03 p.m.	12. Next Council Date – September 21 st , 2010	Frank Larsen
	Adjournment	