

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: February 16, 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.	7:13 p.m.	9:07 p.m.	1:54	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	
Rev. Linda Gunderson			X		SEM N Synod	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:13 p.m. James Halbur	CALL TO ORDER
Betty Groth	DEVOTIONS: "Slow Down"
OPEN FORUM	
Rev. Linda Gunderson	Suggested that, based on average weekly attendance, Bethlehem might be a two-pastor congregation. Presented possible opportunities within the Synod and provided data regarding signs of a healthy congregation.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
James Halbur	AGENDA: Approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
Kathy Yale	MINUTES: Diana Olson moved that the January 19, 2010, minutes be approved as corrected. MSC.
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	TREASURER'S REPORT: Reported that Bethlehem needs to receive \$8000 in weekly offerings to meet the budget. Written Report.
	COFFEE MAKER / WARMERS: Approved spending up to \$1000 of unrestricted memorial funds to purchase a commercial BUNN for the lower level kitchen and dining room to be used for Wednesday suppers, funerals and other events on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
	Betty Groth made a motion to approve expenditures for the repairs necessary to bring building elevators up to code. MSC.
	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Kathy Yale. MSC.
Pr Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report.
NEW BUSINESS	
Jim Halbur	CONGREGATION POLICY MANUAL: The Manual, as updated through January, 2010, was adopted as the official policy of the Bethlehem Congregation on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. Copies will be distributed to Board and Committee Chairs at the upcoming retreat.
	COUNCIL & BOARDS IN-HOUSE RETREAT: Planned for Saturday, March 20, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., with the theme of "Natural Church Development." 2010-2011 Board Goals and Timelines will be identified.
	SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING: April 18, 2010, at 12:00 noon.
	BUILDING COMMITTEE: On a motion by Betty Groth , approved the formation of a new committee to research the possibility of remodeling and/or upgrading the existing facility with input from and under the direction of the Facilities Management Board. MSC.
	BETHLEHEM CHILD CARE CENTER: Kathy Yale made a motion to appoint Frank Larsen and Andrew Garry as Council Liaisons to the Child Care Center Board. MSC.
	DEAD SEA SCROLLS: Approved the Fellowship Committee's request to use unrestricted memorial funds to offset bus costs for a multigenerational trip to the Science Museum, March 19, 2010, on a motion by Mary Bliesmer. MSC.
9:07 p.m. Jim Halbur	ADJOURNED on a motion by Kathy Yale. MSC. The meeting closed with all joining in The Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting - March 16, 2010, 7:00 p.m.