

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:** January 19, 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.	9:40 p.m.	2:27	8
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	
Etta Poole				X	Bethlehem Child Care Center	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:13 p.m. James Halbur	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Jay	DEVOTIONS: Lent
James Halbur	AGENDA: Approved as amended on a motion by <b>Frank Larsen. MSC.</b>
Kathy Yale	MINUTES: <b>Diana Olson</b> moved that the December 15, 2009, minutes be approved as corrected. <b>MSC.</b>

REPORTS	
Diana Olson	TREASURER'S REPORT: Written Report.
	FAIR TRADE COFFEE: Following a lengthy discussion, no action was taken.
	RECYCLE MORE: Tabled
	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by <b>Andrew Garry. MSC.</b>
Pr Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report.
OLD BUSINESS	
James Halbur	BCCC RENT REDUCTION: <b>Diana Olson</b> made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to reduce rent by \$1000.00 per month (from \$2800.00 per month to \$1800.00) for 3 months, to be followed by a review. <b>MSC.</b>
	<b>Betty Groth</b> made a motion to form a subcommittee with Frank Larsen and Andrew Garry to review BCCC finances, contact the Board, define goals and timelines, check the Constitution and communicate with the Finance Committee prior to the February Council meeting. <b>MSC.</b>
NEW BUSINESS	
Jim Halbur	<b>Kathy Yale</b> moved that Mary Bliesmer be appointed Vice President. <b>MSC.</b>
	A subcommittee was formed, depending on their willingness to serve, to include Bob Brown, Facilities Management Board, Jack Halvorson, Evangelism Board, Marcia Nagel, Stewardship Board, Jim Halbur, Mary Bliesmer and Betty Groth, Council, Diana Olson, Finance Committee and Steve Olson to review building needs and options and to plan a possible forum.
	A tentative date of March 20, 2010, was set for a retreat to include all Boards and the Council with the goal of planning for the rest of 2010.
9:40 p.m.	ADJOURNED on a motion by <b>Diana Olson. MSC.</b> The meeting closed with all joining in The Lord's Prayer.
Jim Halbur	NEXT MEETING: February 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., with devotions and treats by Betty Groth.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Yale, Congregation Secretary

**MSC** = Motion Seconded. Carried.