

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: June 22, 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.	7:10 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	2:10	7
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		Senior Pastor	
Guest: Diana Olson <i>for Liz Molina</i>				X	Financial Secretary	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:10 p.m. Frank Larsen	CALL TO ORDER
	DEVOTIONS: "Growth and Change" based on Romans

	OPEN FORUM
Frank Larsen	INTRODUCTION: Frank invited Bob Ihrig, newly elected Vice President, to introduce himself with a brief bio, and he was warmly welcomed by all.
Diana Olson	PURCHASING POLICY: Memos and forms were distributed for Liaisons to take to their various Boards. Bethlehem's Purchasing Policy was reviewed. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS: Made more than \$900.00 last year. The Serving Group will meet in mid-July and be on the July Council Agenda.
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
Frank Larsen	AGENDA: Kathy Yale moved that the agenda be adopted. MSC. MINUTES: The minutes of the May 18, 2010, meeting were approved as written on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.
BCCC	It has been reported that the Bethlehem Child Care Center may need an additional rent reduction. BCCC would need to bring a formal request to the Council. President Frank Larsen will attend their next scheduled Board meeting on June 23 rd .
Computer	On a motion by Diana Olson , approved the \$1027.95 expenditure necessary to replace the crashed Bethlehem office main computer. MSC.
Elevators	Authorized the Facilities Management Board to proceed with having both elevators brought up to code at this time, at an approximate cost of \$6000 - \$7000, while a leaky seal is being repaired (saving a future \$200 Trip Charge) on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Kathy Yale. MSC.
Pr Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report
Sudanese	Pastor Jay has scheduled another meeting with the Sudanese worshipping community leader(s).
Congregation	On a motion by Diana Olson , the Council scheduled a <u>Special Meeting of the Congregation</u> for Sunday, July 25, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., to be held in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing a Call Committee for the position of Associate Pastor. MSC. The meeting will be announced in the July STAR and on prior Sundays.

OLD BUSINESS	
Liaisons	Liaison assignments for 2010 - 2011 were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
Children's Chorus	Renewal of the rental contract was tabled for more information.
BCCC	Provisions of the lease with the Bethlehem Child Care Center continue to be in the review process. Council thanks the Youth Board for their recent related Resolution regarding scheduling and furniture arrangements, as presented by their Liaison, Bob Ihrig.
NCD	Natural Church Development: Pastor Jay announced that a Health Team has been formed to shepherd Bethlehem through the NCD process. Members include Melvin Alms, Laurie Rossow, Tom & Betty Sanger and Karla Van Lith.
LookOut	LookOut: A Strategic Plan for Ministry at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Pastor Jay will contact potential members for a new group to be formed to lead the project, asking for a one-year commitment to develop a 5-year plan. He will also order textbooks for the group. "A Night to Remember – An Evening of Historical Reflection," has been postponed to allow for better preparation.
NEW BUSINESS	
Policy	Kathy Yale worked with Casey Wytaske to update the Policy Manual and Continuing Resolutions and distributed new pages.
Earth Stewards	Council approved the formation of a new special interest group to be called "Earth Stewards" on a motion by Kathy Yale. MSC. Diana Olson moved that the Earth Stewards' Amended Draft for a proposed Continuing Resolution be adopted, contingent on approval by the Stewardship Board. MSC.
New Groups	Kathy Yale reported that two new special interest groups have formed at Bethlehem, one with formal Council approval and one without. Neither group has a Continuing Resolution adopted by Council as required by the Constitution (C14.02). Frank Larsen will follow up with one group and Pastor Jay with the other.
Organ Recitals	On a motion by Diana Olson , the Council enthusiastically approved Bethlehem's hosting the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' Summer Noontime Organ Recital Series on Tuesdays in 2010. MSC.
Wish Book	Andrew Garry reported that there are no new requests at this time.
9:20 p.m.	ADJOURNED on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
	NEXT MEETING: July 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kathy Yale*, Congregation Secretary