

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: November 23, 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.	9:05 p.m.	2:05	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	
Guests: None						

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:00 p.m. Frank Larsen	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Jay	DEVOTIONS: <i>Giving Thanks</i> based on Psalm 100:4

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
Frank Larsen	AGENDA: Mary Bliesmer moved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of Fundraising under New Business. MSC.
	MINUTES: The minutes of the October 26, 2010, meeting were approved with a name correction on a motion by Bob Ihrig. MSC.
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.
Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bob Ihrig. MSC.
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report
OLD BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen	<p>SOUND SYSTEM: The Council has heard the concerns of members and is exploring a number of options including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asking Brad and the Music and Worship Board to do a forum and/or hold a special meeting regarding the sound system. - Including a flier in the bulletin. - Asking members of the Music and Worship Board to sit in various places in church to identify "dead" spots. - Bringing in somebody from the company that sold us the existing equipment.
NEW BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen	FUNDRAISING: Bob Ihrig made a motion to include in the Financial Secretary's December mailing a letter of general appeal to offset the budget deficit, to be signed by the Council. MSC
9:05 p.m.	ADJOURNED on a motion by Mary Bliesmer. MSC. Next Council Meeting – December 14, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kathy Yale*, Congregation Secretary