

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: October 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.	9:35 p.m.	1:35	8
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: "The Value of Questions" by Bishop Mark Hanson

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
Frank Larsen	AGENDA: Mary Bliesmer moved that the agenda be adopted. MSC.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 21, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.

REPORTS

Diana Olson	FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.
Giving Statements	Elizabeth will mail the extra contribution reports to be received by December 5 th .
Offering	September giving is historically down.
Nursery	The purchase of a pager system for the Nursery, at a cost of \$779.00 plus shipping, was approved as recommended by the Finance Committee with funds to be taken from savings.
Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bob Isdah Ihrig. MSC.
Andrew Garry	CALL COMMITTEE REPORT: Two members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Good Thunder are voting members of the Call Committee.
Salary	The Committee has a salary scale recommended by the Synod to which Redeemer will contribute \$20,000.00 per year.
Profile	The Call Committee is nearly finished preparing the congregations' profile.
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report

NEW BUSINESS

Frank Larsen	BUDGET: The 2011 Budget recommended by the Finance Committee contains a deficit of (\$36,870.26). The presentation was followed by a lengthy and thoughtful discussion of the pros and cons of a deficit budget.
	Mary Bleismer moved that the Council recommend the budget as proposed to the Congregation.
	Bob Isdah Ihrig proposed an amendment stating that a cover letter be attached to the budget proposal thanking members for their generous pledges and giving, explaining the increased need and possible options for the future.
	The motion passed as amended with the majority in favor.
9:35 p.m.	ADJOURNED on a motion by Lori Ruthenbeck. MSC.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kathy Yale*, Congregation Secretary