

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: September 21, 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.	8:00 p.m.	1:00	9
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: Jack Halvorson			X		Evangelism Board	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:00 p.m. Frank Larsen	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Jay	DEVOTIONS: Centering Prayer

	OPEN FORUM
Jack Halvorson	<p>EVANGELISM: Recent Board activities include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postcards to inactive members, twice New Member Sunday Page of suggestions for Sponsors “How to Connect at Bethlehem” list for new members 250 door hangers in the neighborhood Ad in the MSU Reporter (catch phrase to change every 6 months) TV ad production in progress <p>Questioning if the kiosk is in the best location to be seen by visitors. Have submitted a budget for 2011. Another possibility might be to use a commercial company to produce future TV ads.</p>
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING	
Frank Larsen	<p>AGENDA: Diana Olson moved that the agenda be adopted. MSC.</p> <hr/> <p>MINUTES: The minutes of the August 21, 2010, meeting were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.</p>
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.</p>
Giving Statements	<p>Elizabeth will prepare an extra contribution report to go out in early December to inform members of where they stand on their giving pledge and to remind them that contributions received by the end of the year will be deductible on this year’s taxes. The Council approved by unanimous consent.</p>
Offering	<p>More offering handlers and counters are needed. Names may be given to Elizabeth. Another suggestion was to ask head ushers to take this responsibility. Talk to the Music and Worship Board to ask them if it might be included in the Usher’s Duties.</p>
Budget	<p>Lori Ruthenbeck made an incidental motion [regarding the motion originally passed on 10/18/05] that the composition of the Budget Committee shall now be the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Senior Pastor, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and a member of the Finance Committee. MSC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Budget Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2010. - The proposed 2011 Budget will be published for review by November 7, 2010.

Pr Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report
Sudanese	A meeting with them has been scheduled to write out an understanding.
Call Committee	The newly formed Call Committee members are Laurie Bentsdahl, John Corcoran, Andrew Garry, Amy Heiser and Jim Nagel and three representatives of Redeemer Lutheran Church. They already have plans to meet with a Synod representative.
NCD	The survey is done and the results will be tallied by next month.
NEW BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen Annual Meeting	By unanimous consent, the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation was scheduled for November 21, 2010, at 12:00 Noon.
Wish Book	Andrew Garry reported that there are no new requests at this time.
8:00 p.m.	ADJOURNED on a motion by Mary Bliesmer. MSC.
	NEXT MEETING: October 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Please note the <u>date change</u> .

Respectfully Submitted, *Kathy Yale*, Congregation Secretary