

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
720 South Second Street
Mankato, MN 56001

COUNCIL MINUTES

Title: Congregation Council Minutes

Officiating: Mary Bliesmer

Purpose: Monthly Business Meeting

Recording: Kathy Yale

Date: August 16, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Heritage Room

| Scheduled | | | Actual | | | Present |
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| Start | Stop | Total | Start | Stop | Total | Number |
| 7:00 p.m. | 9:00 p.m. | 2 Hrs. | 7:05 p.m. | 8:55 p.m. | 1:50 | 14 |
| Council Members and Guests | | | Present | Absent | Position | |
| Mary Bliesmer | | | X | | President | |
| Bob Ihrig | | | X | | President-Elect | |
| Rachel Wood | | | X | | Vice President | |
| Kathy Yale | | | X | | Secretary | |
| Diana Olson | | | X | | Treasurer | |
| Amy Heiser | | | X | | Member-at-Large | |
| Betty Groth | | | X | | Member-at-Large | |
| Lori Ruthenbeck | | | X | | Member-at-Large | |
| Pastor Jay Dahlvang | | | X | | Lead Pastor | |
| Pastor Collette Broady Preiss | | | X | | Associate Pastor | |
| Tracy Corcoran | | | X | | BCCC Board Chair | |
| Jill Evenson | | | X | | BCCC Board | |
| Beth Webb | | | X | | BCCC Executive Director | |
| Bob Brown | | | X | | Facilities Management Board Chair | |

| PRESENTER TOPIC | ITEM DESCRIPTION |
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| 7:05 p.m. Mary Bliesmer | CALL TO ORDER |
| Pastor Jay | DEVOTIONS: From the opening devotions for the Congregation Five Year Planning Meeting, including readings from the Gospel of Mark, a round table discussion, and a prayer. |

| REGULAR BUSINESS | |
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| Mary Bliesmer | AGENDA: Bob Ihrig moved that the agenda be adopted with New Business addition of c.) Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association 'Nite to Unite.' MSC. |
| | OPEN FORUM |
| Beth Webb | BETHLEHEM CHILD CARE CENTER UPDATE: Written report that includes, among other things, current enrollment, a balance sheet showing less than a \$300 deficit for the previous month, policy updates, increased communication and a diagram of playground plans. |
| Tracy Corcoran Jill Evenson | There has been an increase in enrollment and many other positive changes since Beth started in June. The Center is currently dealing with an Unemployment Compensation Claim Appeal. |
| | The Child Care Center would like to do another update for Council in January that would include year-end totals plus goals for the new year. |
| Bob Brown | SECURITY SYSTEM: Bob reported the control panel for the security/fire alarm system in the north end of the building (which houses LSS, BCCC and the Youth Room) stopped working, and took Council members on a tour to show them the failed "red box" control panel in a utility closet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bob estimated that it would cost approximately \$4000.00 to replace the control panel with a rebuilt one. - He also estimated that it would cost approximately \$2,500.00 to tie the security systems from the two sides of the building together, but also noted that the building is currently in compliance with what is "code" as it is without the two systems being integrated. - The Building Management Board has received a bid of \$14,847.00 from North American Security Corp. to replace the security/fire alarm system in the north end of the building. |
| Mary Bliesmer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lori Ruthenbeck made a motion to direct Bob Brown and the Facilities Management Board to obtain at least two additional bids. - Bob Ihrig moved that the motion be amended to also include evaluating the bids and resolving any related service issues, and making a final recommendation to the Council by notifying the President. - Diana Olson made a motion to amend the motion to include that the Council is to immediately begin the process of notifying the congregation of a special congregation meeting called by Council for September 4, 2011, for the purpose of approving the potential non-budgeted expense in excess of \$10,000.00 for repairing/replacing the security/fire alarm system in the north end of the building, in keeping with Constitution C10.02, C10.03 and C12.05c. - The motion passed unanimously, as twice amended. |

| REGULAR BUSINESS, <i>continued</i> | |
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| Mary Bliesmer | MINUTES: The July 19, 2011, Regular Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Ihrig. MSC. |
| | Diana Olson made a motion amend the motion she made last month regarding the Five Year Plan to replace the word " <i>Recommend</i> " with the word " <u>Report</u> ." MSC. |
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| Diana Olson | FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report. |
| | Member giving in July was 96% of budget. Budget YTD is (-\$21,338.00). Actual YTD deficit is (-\$2,989.00). |
| | Lori Ruthenbeck made a motion to pay the claim of \$2095.00 out of Youth savings for damage to the rental van used for the Tennessee mission trip. MSC. |
| | The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Betty Groth. MSC. |
| Mary Bliesmer | PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT: All performance reviews are done. |
| Pastor Jay | LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report. |
| Pastor Collette | ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report and Fall Schedule. |
| OLD BUSINESS | |
| Mary Bleismer | FIVE YEAR PLAN: The task force will be meeting again. Council members as Liaisons are asked to go their Boards with which goals their boards will be involved. |
| NEW BUSINESS | |
| Kathy Yale | BAKE-OFF: The Fellowship Committee has requested three Council members to serve as judges for the Dessert Bake-Off to be held on Rally Sunday, September 11 th . Pastor Jay, Bob Ihrig and Mary Bleismer volunteered and judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. The winner will be announced by one of the pastors and a prize awarded at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. |
| | LINCOLN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD: "Nite to Unite" will be held at the Lincoln Park Community Center on the evening of Tuesday, August 30 th . Council suggested bringing along brochures similar to the Welcome brochures in the pew pockets, Child Care Center brochures and youth information. Kathy will double check the time and let Pastor Jay know. |
| Mary Bliesmer | ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. |
| | Next Meeting: September 20, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. |

MSC = Motion Seconded and Carried.