

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: October 18, 2011

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.	7:05 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	1:55	8
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	
Bob Brown				X	Facilities Management Board Chair	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:00 p.m. Mary Bliesmer	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Collette	DEVOTIONS: "Bringing Money to Prayer" - based on Matthew 6 - from <i>Living in The Presence</i> , followed by an opening prayer.

REGULAR BUSINESS	
Mary Bliesmer	AGENDA: The agenda was adopted on a motion by Bob Ihrig. MSC.
Kathy Yale	MINUTES: Kathy Yale proposed an amendment to the September 20, 2011, minutes, based on input from the Child Care Center Director, Beth Webb. Diana Olson made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment included. MSC.
	A review of the 2011 April Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes was tabled until November.
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.
	The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Bob Ihrig. MSC.
Pastor Jay	LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Reports.
	Kathy Yale made a motion that the Lead Pastor be given an additional week of vacation per year beginning in 2012. MSC
Pastor Collette	ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report.
OLD BUSINESS	
Bob Ihrig	FIVE YEAR PLAN: Bob Ihrig presented a draft letter to Board and Committee Chairs. A discussion followed.
	Amy Heiser presented a Mission Statement suggestion. Following a discussion, the following draft was written as a starting point: <i>Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Serving and Celebrating God in our global community with love and acceptance.</i>
NEW BUSINESS	
Amy Heiser	2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL: The Budget Committee includes representatives from the Personnel and Finance Committees. The Council expressed its gratitude to the Budget Committee for their outstanding work.
	Lori Ruthenbeck made a motion to approve the proposed budget for recommendation to the Congregation. MSC.
	Kathy Yale made a motion to authorize Diana Olson to implement minor changes to the written budget proposal, as recommended by the Council for clarification, before it is published. MSC.
Mary Bliesmer	ADJOURNMENT: Diana Olson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. MSC.
	Next Meeting: November 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., with an Earth Stewards presentation at the Open Forum.

MSC = Motion Seconded and Carried.