

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: July 19, 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. | | | 11 |
| 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 | |
| Susan Brown | | | X | | Five-Year Planning Task Force | |

| PRESENTER TOPIC | ITEM DESCRIPTION |
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| 7:05 p.m. Mary Bliesmer | CALL TO ORDER |
| Pastor Jay | DEVOTIONS: an excerpt from <u>Loving Jesus</u> by Mark Allen Powell |

| OPEN FORUM | |
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| Bob Brown | <p>Special projects financed by the Angel Fund are progressing nicely. There is still work to be completed in the lower level ladies' room.</p> <p>The Facilities Board recently needed to "borrow" a forty-year-old air conditioning unit from Grounds for Joy (to replace one that was malfunctioning in the office workroom) so the large copy machine wouldn't overheat and break down again.</p> <p>Since adding central air conditioning to Grounds for Joy, as originally planned, is not feasible due to the excessive cost, the next best option would be to replace the individual borrowed unit. The Angel Fund would be short \$4-5,000.00 of the cost, however. The Building Management Board is requesting up to \$5000 from an undesignated estate gift to be assigned for this project, with any unused portion to go into the General Fund.</p> |
| REGULAR BUSINESS | |
| Mary Bliesmer | AGENDA: Lori Ruthenbeck moved that the agenda be adopted with the New Business additions of d.) MN Teen Challenge Potluck and e.) Fair Trade. MSC. |
| | MINUTES: The May 19, 2011, Regular Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. |
| | There was no traditional meeting in June since Council members met with members of the Five-Year Planning Task Force to prioritize goals. |
| REPORTS | |
| Diana Olson | FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report. |
| | Diana Olson made a motion to approve payment of \$2000.00 to I&S for work done for the Building Committee regarding future building design options. MSC. |
| | Diana Olson made a motion to approve the use of up to \$5000.00 from an undesignated estate gift for the Facilities Board's air conditioning project described at the Open Forum. MSC. |
| | The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Lori Ruthenbeck. MSC. |
| Pastor Jay | LEAD PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report. |
| | The President assigned Mary Bliesmer, Betty Groth, Bob Ihrig and Lori Ruthenbeck to a special committee formed to conduct the annual personnel interview of the Lead Pastor in August. |
| Pastor Collette | ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report. |
| | Since the Associate Pastor has only been with Bethlehem for a few short weeks, it was decided by general consensus that it would not be appropriate to conduct a personnel review at this time. |

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| Susan Brown Pastor Jay Mary Bliesmer | FIVE YEAR PLAN: Written Report. |
| | The Task Force presented the recommended goals one by one and Council members suggested a few minor changes. |
| | On a motion by Diana Olson, the Council approved the five-year plan, as changed, to recommend to the Congregation on August 14, 2011, at 10:45 a.m. MSC. |
| NEW BUSINESS | |
| Mary Bliesmer | LSS LEASE: The lease isn't due to renew at this time, but is currently being reviewed for possible changes in the future. |
| Mary Bliesmer Kathy Yale | BOARD REPORTS: Liaison assignments for 2011-2012 were reviewed. |
| | Some boards still have vacancies. Kathy Yale will research and make a list of current openings. |
| | The Bethlehem Child Care Center Board will report to Council during Open Forum in August. |
| | The Facilities Management Board will make an Open Forum presentation including a tour of the boiler room in September. |
| Kathy Yale | EVANGELISM BOARD: Diana Olson made a motion to approve the appointment of Kelli Woelfel to the vacant one year term on the Evangelism Board. MSC. |
| Mary Bliesmer | POTLUCK for MN TEEN CHALLENGE: It was decided that members could make money or food donations individually. |
| Mary Bliesmer | FAIR TRADE COMMITTEE: On a motion by Lori Ruthenbeck, the Council approved recognition of the already established Fair Trade Committee, to function under the direction of the Community and Global Mission Board. MSC. |
| Mary Bliesmer | ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC. |
| | Next Meeting: August 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. |

MSC = Motion Seconded and Carried.