

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: May 19, 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.	7:08 p.m.	8:40 p.m.	1:32	12
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		Pastor	
Rachel Wood			X		Future Vice President	
Amy Heiser			X		Future Member-at-Large	
Tracy Corcoran			X		Bethlehem Child Care Center	
Wally Boyer			X		Personnel Committee	

PRESENTER TOPIC	ITEM DESCRIPTION
7:10 p.m. Frank Larsen	CALL TO ORDER
Pastor Jay	DEVOTIONS: <i>Star Tribune</i> editorial about "The End of the World," based on Matthew 24:26.

REGULAR BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen	AGENDA: Mary Bliesmer moved that the agenda be adopted as written. MSC.
	MINUTES: April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Ihrig. MSC.
OPEN FORUM	
Wally Boyum Tracy Corcoran	The Personnel Committee, with representation from the Bethlehem Child Care Center Board, conducted interviews of candidates for the open position of Director. They offered the position to one of the candidates who is currently lead teacher at an area preschool. She accepted.
Frank Larsen	The new Council members introduced themselves and were warmly welcomed.
REPORTS	
Diana Olson	FINANCIAL REPORT: Written Report.
	TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Kathy Yale. MSC.
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S REPORT: Written Report.
	WORSHIP SERVICES: The summer schedule will begin on May 29 th with worship services at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.
NEW BUSINESS	
Frank Larsen	MANKATO CHILDREN'S CHORUS: Diana Olson made a motion to extend their rental lease for one year with Greg Larsen serving as custodian. MSC.
	YOUTH BOARD: The Council approved the appointment of Tim Heiser to replace Crystal Christenson on the Youth Board on a motion by Diana Olson. MSC.
Pr. Jay Dahlvang	PASTOR'S INSTALLATION: Pastor Collette Broady Preiss will be installed during the worship service on Sunday, June 26 th . Kathy Yale made a motion to approve having a [catered] reception for Pastor Collette and her family following her installation. The serving group will be asked to decorate tables and serve. MSC.
	LINCOLN PARK: Lori Ruthenbeck moved that we pay the yearly membership dues of \$12.00 to join the Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association. MSC. Kathy Yale will represent Bethlehem.
	FIVE YEAR PLAN: The Task Force will meet with Council at the next meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on June 21st to identify goals to be presented to the congregation, possibly on August 14, 2011.
Frank Larsen	ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by general consensus.

MSC = Motion Seconded and Carried.