

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2019**

Present: Patty Fess, Mike McCoy, Jane Nelson, Randy Nelson, Barb Olson and Jim Schwengel

Excused: Ron Fischer, Joann Kilgus

President, Jane Nelson opened with prayer at 9:10 am.

Secretary Report

Mike McCoy moved and Jim Schwengel seconded to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated October 25, 2018. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Mike McCoy went over the Profit and Loss Comparison through May 30th this year compared through May 30th last year. We are down \$400 from this time last year and that is due mainly to losses in the market and that is reflected in our Endowment Fund. Our expenses are up about \$300 over last year largely due to a payment made in full for the year to an outside contractor with a 15% savings. On the Bethany Balance Sheet we are doing well with a little over \$74,000 in our available accounts and a little over \$245,000 in the Endowment Fund.

Patty Fess moved to accept the Treasurer Report, Randy Nelson seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Pulpit Light

Baylake Electric has been contacted to help with the installation of the pulpit light. Randy has made 3 calls and they continue to promise to come out to do the work.

Steeple Painting

Buck Olson has been contacted and has had problems fitting in the steeple painting so far this spring. Randy does feel he will get the steeple painted when he can fit it into his schedule.

Cry Room

Due to an injury Randy was unable to get started on the remodel of the Cry Room this spring. We look to start the Cry Room remodel in the fall after services have ended for the season.

Duct Cleaning

Armstrong will be cleaning the ducts at the Bethany church building. Armstrong needs to combine our job with another job in the Ephraim area. They have made offers to clean the ducts at times when no councilperson was available to let them in the church. Now that many key holders are in the area Armstrong should be able to find an agreeable time to get the ducts cleaned.

New Business

Baptism

Thure Ross has requested a baptism for his daughter Madelyn on Sunday, July 28th with Rev. Scott Benolkin presiding. Rev Benolkin would like to have two sponsors from the congregation present at the baptism as well as any other sponsors the

family would like. Thure has been contacted and we are waiting to hear who will be the sponsors from the congregation.

Cleaning Person

Erin Erickson has been hired to clean the parsonage and occasionally the church. She has been hired for 3 hours per cleaning session. Sometimes all of the 3 hours will be spent at the parsonage and other times she may be able to split her time between the two buildings.

Congregational Meeting

The council selected July 14th for Congregational Meeting this summer. All materials for the meeting need to be given to Mike by Wednesday, July 10th in order to be printed for the meeting.

Christmas Letter

Nancy Jordan has created beautiful Christmas cards that will contain the folded letter from the council. These cards feature the Bethany Church building and could be a keepsake.

Property Update

We currently have some people contacting us through the website that are searching for copies of deeds to cemetery plots. We have no record of the deeds they are requesting. We are continuing to search and to clear up this matter. This request has led to a concern that there may be people who own plots for which we have no records. Mike is going to look into having the cemetery surveyed.

Safety Deposit Box

It would be best for us to have two signatures on the Bethany safety deposit box. Jane Nelson has volunteered to be the second signature along with Mike McCoy. From this point forward the two authorized signatures will be the treasurer and the president of the council. Patty will write a letter for the bank authorizing Jane as the second signature on the safety deposit box.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, July 10th at 9:00 am at the home of Patty Fess.

Post Minutes

The council has decided to post the approved minutes of Bethany on the website. Patty will contact Ryan Sherman regarding the posting of the minutes.

Endowment Fund

Jim Schwengel has volunteered to follow Chuck Pearson in the role of representing Bethany on the Endowment Fund along with our president, Jane.

Green Hymnals

Bishop Mansholdt has been contacted about the Green Hymnals and he knows of no place where they could be of use. He recommends that parishioners take them for personal prayer and devotional use.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Fess, council secretary