

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2019**

Present: Patty Fess, Ron Fischer, Joann Kilgus, Mike McCoy, Jane Nelson, Randy Nelson, Barb Olson and Jim Schwengel
Jane Nelson, president called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. and opened with prayer.

Secretary Report

Mike McCoy motioned and Joann Kilgus seconded to approve the Bethany Council Meeting Minutes dated, September 12, 2019. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Bethany took in \$3,600 less in offering in 2019 than in 2018. Our expenses were up \$2,200 over last year. Internet, phone and cable were a little more expensive than last year. The big expenses were the repair and painting of the steeple and the rental of the lift. Bethany's net income was down \$8,500 compared to last year.

Jim Schwengel motioned to accept the Treasurer Report. Ron Fischer seconded and the motion carried.

Property Report

We still have one outstanding bill from Carlos Roofing for the roof repair around the steeple. The new furnace had a frayed wire from the installation that caused interruption in the operation of the furnace. A new wire will be pulled this week with no cost to Bethany. The demolition of the current cry room begins this week. Mike McCarthy from Village Green offered to mow at the parsonage. We will let Mike know that we are happy with our current mowing services and do not need him at this time. Randy presented a proposal from Meissner Landscaping for fall clean up and pruning at the three church properties for \$1800.

Joann motioned for Meissner Landscaping to do the fall clean up and pruning at the church, parsonage and cemetery for \$1800. Ron seconded and the motion passed.

Auxiliary Building

Jane contacted Portside Builders about the cost of building an auxiliary building similar to the one at the Church of the Atonement in Fish Creek. The cost of a 600 square foot building with 2 bathrooms, a small kitchen and storage would be about \$114,000. We will begin introduce the possibility of building an auxiliary building to the Bethany congregation and ask for their input and feedback.

Cemetery

Baudhin has been hired to survey the Bethany Cemetery. They could not work this past week due to the rain. The Christianson plot has been finalized. Once the survey is complete we can designate the road and pathways through out the cemetery.

Livestream

The Livestream at Bethany has often failed to broadcast the services this past season. Chuck Pearson arranged to work on the Livestream with Charter and Ryan Sherman present. Charter did replace the modem they supply and a partial service was broadcast on Sunday, October 6. The following Sunday, October 13, the broadcast failed. The council would like to arrange a meeting with Chuck Pearson to get a step-by-step list of the process to start up the Livestream. We would like to

have that process listed and available to all who could start up the Livestream on Sunday mornings. We plan to do a test of the Livestream on May 14th when we set up the church for the 2020 season. We would like to hire Ryan Sherman to help us in the beginning of the season. Jane will contact Chuck Pearson about the take down and storage of the equipment at the church.

Bulletin

Jim asked if Lori would like to have the name and composer of the prelude piece put into the weekly bulletin and we decided not to print that information. Jim will have the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer printed onto 100 inserts for the inside back cover of the hymnal. In the bulletin you will now be referred to the back cover for the creed and the prayer. We will say in two places in the bulletin that communion will be by intinction.

Gift Approval

Ellen Grimsby contacted Bethany about an original watercolor of Bethany by Warren Leudke, a former member of Bethany. The watercolor is a gift from the estate of her parents Rev. Hoover and Shirley Grimsby. It is approximately 2'x3' and the frame is in good condition. The council agreed to accept this gift.

Christmas Letter

Patty Fess did a test mailing of the Christmas cards designed by Nancy Jordan. It was determined that a cover sheet would be needed for the front of the card to preserve the raised detail. Joann will print the address labels, Jane will write the letter and Patty will do the mailing.

Fall Fest

It was decided that we will be open for Sunday services through the Fall Fest weekend in 2020.

Benevolences

Here are the benevolences proposed by the council for 2019.

Lutheran World Relief-\$1000
ELCA World Hunger Appeal-\$1500
University of WI Madison Campus Ministry-\$250
Lutheran Social Services of WI and UP-\$750
Wartburg College Campus Ministry-\$250
Mick Roschke's New Mission Mliwaukee-\$500
Scandia Village-\$1100
Help of Door County-\$1200
Northern Door Child Care Center (scholarships)-\$1500
Peninsula Preschool Ephraim (scholarships)-\$500
Konoia Kupboard at First Baptist Sister Bay-\$500
Ephraim Firefighters Association-\$250
East Central WI Synod ELCA Mission Support-\$1000
ELCA Fund for Leaders-\$600
Neighbor to Neighbor-\$300
Door Co Chapter of Disabled Veterans-\$300
Secret Santa for Fuel-\$300
Joel T. Schlactenhaufen Memorial-\$1000

Last year Bethany gave away 34% of our collections to benevolence for a total of \$12,750. This year, even though we are down in collections, we plan to give away \$12,800 or just about 38% of our collections.

Patty moved and Joann seconded to approve the proposed Bethany benevolences for 2019. Motion carried.

Constitutional Changes

We are proposing changes to the Bethany Constitution in 2020 regarding membership in section 6.01 and the cemetery in sections 9.04 and 9.05. We plan to eliminate the category of Associate Member and the actual pricing of the burial sites from the constitution.

Opening of Church for 2020

A workday is planned for May 14th to clean, set up the church for worship and test the Livestream. The first service for 2020 will be May 24th.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Jane closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Fess, Council Secretary