

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2020**

Present: Patty Fess, Ron Fischer, Joann Kilgus, Mike McCoy, Jane Nelson, Randy Nelson and Jim Schwengel via Zoom, Barb Olson via phone
President, Jane Nelson called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Secretary Report

Mike McCoy motioned and Joann seconded to approve the Bethany Council Meeting Minutes dated October 23, 2019. Motion carried. Nancy Jordan has made cards to be distributed to Bethany members and guests for 2020 and also has Christmas cards for this season.

Treasurer Report

Profit and Loss for December 2019

1. Bethany ended the year 2019 with net income of \$203,224 of which \$200,000 was the Boldt gift. Actual net income for the year was \$3,224.
2. Boldt gift presently is sitting in the Nicolet Money Market account because at the time of the gift a 6-month CD was paying an interest rate comparable to the Money Market.

May 6, 2020 Profit and Loss

1. Loss year to date is \$33,609 of which \$27,130 is due to the market loss in the Bethany Heritage Endowment Fund leaving an operating loss of \$6,479 year to date.
2. The biggest expenses to date are:
Ryan Sherman for Livestream and his annual fee totaling \$2,399
Baylake Electric for \$1,182
Meissner Landscape \$1,840

Balance Sheet May 6, 2020

1. Money Market account is at \$255,159 of which \$200,000 is Boldt gift.
2. Endowment sits at \$228, 630 following at loss of \$42,929 in the second quarter.

Randy Nelson moved and Ron Fischer seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

Property Update

The project of the expanded narthex is nearing completion. The pieces for the wooden floor will be delivered this week. The bill for the Peninsula Painters is \$2000. Randy requested a bid to remove and dispose of the asbestos siding, which came in at \$16,000. Randy suspects the siding underneath the asbestos will be good. He may remove some pieces of the asbestos siding to see the condition of the wooden siding underneath. Randy is trying to line up someone to plant some flowers for the church property. He also recommends that we get the church carpet cleaned after the recent construction.

Mike asked about the duct cleaning we requested for 2019. The company will only come out if they have another job up in our area of Northern Door. Two attempts

were made last year but no one was available to let the duct cleaners into the church. Randy will let the company know that we are interested for 2020. The survey of the cemetery has been completed. There are orange flags in metal tubes to mark the grave areas. Randy plans to spray paint where the drive will be placed.

Livestream

Jane met with Ryan Sherman at the church to test the Livestream equipment. Ryan set up the equipment and it all ran on the first attempt. Ryan will be composing a manual that has step-by-step instructions on how to start up the Livestream. Ryan will come back once the floor is completed to set up and restart the equipment.

Opening the Church

Jane said that the opening would have to be virtual on May 31st. May 24th is cancelled due to the Covid 19 virus and the Governor's Safer-At-Home order. The parsonage will have an initial cleaning on May 21st by Erin Erickson. The council discussed the safety and well being of the pastors, parishioners and staff of Bethany. Along with that discussion and the recommendations from Bishop Jerry Mansholt from his recent letter to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, it was decided to cancel services through July 5th, possibly opening with an online service on July 12th. We will ask Erin to do a cleaning of the church in June.

The council set a meeting via Zoom on June 22nd at 1:30 to decide if Bethany can provide online services for July 12th and beyond. The June 22nd meeting will allow enough time for Mike to get ads in the Advocate and the Pulse. Ron will contact the printers for the bulletins.

Joann moved to continue to pay Lori Free and Erin Erickson even though we do not use their services. Jim Schwengel seconded and the motion carried.

Ideas were added to help Bethany stay together as a congregation. It was suggested the pastors could write messages or devotions to go into the member email. Mike suggested contacting Ryan Sherman for ideas. We could ask Ryan to post the pastor's messages and possibly some videos of either messages or appropriate music and song. Joann suggested we post on the website the patriotic prelude Lori Free often plays for the Fourth of July.

Annual Meeting

The council decided that the Annual Meeting for Bethany would be postponed until we could organize an in person meeting. Until that time everything will remain the same.

Boldt Gift

We will postpone this discussion until later in the year.

Adjournment

Jane ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Fess, council secretary

Next council meeting June 22, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

