

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2020**

Present: Patty Fess, Ron Fischer, Joann Kilgus, Jane Nelson, Randy Nelson and Barb Olson in person. Mike McCoy and Jim Schwengel via Zoom.
President Jane Nelson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with prayer.

Secretary's Report

Jane Nelson motioned and Joann Kilgus seconded to approve the Bethany Council Minutes dated June 22, 2020. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

For 2020, Bethany has taken in \$24,699 for income. Our expenses have been greater than the income for a loss of \$1,846. As of October 15, 2020 Bethany had \$3,900 in it's checking account, and cash reserves of \$55,230. The Bethany Heritage Endowment Fund is at \$258, 262.

Barb Olson motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Randy seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business

Property Update

The expanded narthex is nearly complete. The baseboards need to be painted and some of the hardware for the doors is out for polishing. The cemetery is inline to have a new gravel driveway installed by J.F. Construction. The topsoil and existing bark chips will be removed and new gravel put down for the cost of \$1800. The deeds for the cemetery are in order and have been placed in the safety deposit box. Sixteen paver blocks will be engraved with the numbers of the blocks for the cemetery. They will be placed at the corners marking the blocks of gravesites. Joann commented that the decorations in front of the church look wonderful.

New Business

2021 Opening of Church and Parsonage

Bethany will go ahead with plans for opening the season in 2021 on May 30th. We will finalize the opening plans for the church on a Zoom meeting February 22nd at 1:00 p.m. The workday to open the parsonage and the church will be on Thursday, May 27th at 9:00 a.m. A council meeting will immediately follow the workday. The Annual Meeting for 2021 will be on Sunday, July 18th immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service.

Benevolence

Mike advised to not write benevolence checks from our operating account as we are experiencing a loss. It was decided to slightly pare down our benevolences this year and to tap our reserves for the amount of \$10,300 for the following.

Benevolences for 2020

Lutheran World Relief-\$1000
ECLA World Hunger Appeal-\$1500
Lutheran Social Services of WI and UP-\$750
Scandia Village-\$1100
Help of Door County-\$1200
Northern Door Child Care Center (scholarships)-\$1500
Peninsula Pre School Ephraim (scholarships)-\$500
Kononia Kupboard at First Baptist Sister Bay-\$500
Ephraim Firefighters Association-\$250
East Central WI Synod ELCA Mission Support-\$500
ELCA Fund for Leaders-\$600
Neighbor to Neighbor-\$300
Door County Chapter of Disabled Veterans-\$300
Angel Fund Gibraltar Schools-\$300

Ron Fisher made the motion to approve the benevolences for 2020 and Jim Schwengel seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

As there was no further business Barb moved to adjourn. Jim seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.
The council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Fess, council secretary