

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2023**

Present: Patty Fess, Ron Fischer, Sue Marotz, Jane Nelson, Randy Nelson, Jim Schwengel and Barb Olson.

Excused: Joann Kilgus

President Jane Nelson opened the meeting with prayer at 9:07 AM.

Secretary Report

Sue Marotz moved to accept the Council Meeting Minutes dated May 25, 2023. Ron Fischer seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Ron Fischer presented the financials as of June 2023. Bethany's total current assets in checking, savings, money market and CD are \$162,586. The Endowment Fund has \$313,528. Our net income is \$21,572. To date we have spent \$115,313 of the \$200,000 Boldt Gift.

Jlm Schwengel moved to accept the Treasurer Reoprt, Patty seconded. Motion passed.

Property Report

Randy Nelson presented report.

1. The patio at the parsonage is completed and regrouted.
2. Bob Cat Services will widen the cemetery driveway with three loads of gravel for \$3000.
3. Mike Chaliss will rebuild the stone wall with footings for \$10,000.
4. Burnt wire replaced in the air conditioner.
5. Parsonage is planned to be partially or totally repainted on the exterior.

Old Business

Bronze Plaques

Randy will inquire with Cody about the progress on the bronze plaques and the update on the Peter Peterson House's (parsonage) status on the National and Wisconsin Place of Historic Record.

Ongoing Tasks and Responsibilities and Signatories

Ron is responsible for the organization of the Ongoing Tasks and Responsibilities. Some updates to the document were made at the meeting. All other updates or additions are due to Ron by August 1.

Patty will stay on as a signatory at the Nicolet Bank because she is in town for most of the time Bethany is open.

EHF Signs for Events-Parking

Patty will follow up with EHF regarding the signs for parking by contacting Kathleen Harris.

All Church Potluck

No news on the potluck.

New Business

Fyr Bal Parking

Randy will be responsible to block the Bethany parking lot by Friday morning of Fyr Bal 2024.

Headstone Cleaning

Jane attended a detailed demonstration on cleaning headstones put on by the Gibraltar Historical Society. Jane will organize a cemetery workday this fall and purchase the needed supplies to clean some headstones at the Bethany Cemetery. Jane will also organize a cemetery workday to pull weeds in the circle drive, provide clean up and apply deer repellent.

Portable Chairs for Parsonage

Jane will provide 2-4 bag chairs for the parsonage to be used by the pastors and their families.

Committee to Explore Possibility of Auxiliary Building

Jane presented this report. Christina Mooney is a Bethany member and an architect. On Christina's own time she made conceptual plans for the auxiliary building including renderings and floor plans. These inspiration boards cannot be used for construction purposes. Jane had three of the conceptual plans blown up and will display the boards on easels at the Annual Meeting. One member on the council expressed strong opposition to the auxiliary building. A discussion ensued and it was decided to change the agenda item concerning the auxiliary building on the Annual Meeting agenda. The item read, "Create a planning committee for a possible auxiliary building". This was changed to, "Organize a meeting to explore the interest in a possible auxiliary building". As the agenda for the Annual Meeting is already printed the item will need to be amended at the meeting.

Member Announcement

Dick Christensen will present a bequest on behalf of his former wife Sue Christensen and Patty will accept the gift on behalf of the council and congregation and reveal the amount of the gift.

Bible Study with Rev. Larry Pinnow

Ron presented this report. Larry Pinnow is offering to present either a one or two session study on the Bible and Creativity. Tentative dates are for Tuesdays, August 29th and September 5th.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 17th at 1:00 PM. We plan to close the church follow up with the council meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Fess, council secretary