

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Mission: We INVITE all; We GROW in Faith; We GO to share God's love and grace

MINUTES from: Monday, January 16,2023 (prepared by Wanda Bock)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent Z=Zoom

Wanda Bock - P	Pam Crouse – A	Andy Denison – P	Bill Evans – Z
Alexa Giddings – P	Bun Hanson - P	Ted Hakala - P	Audrey Kusilek - P
Dave Myre–P	Mackenzie Narins - A	Jennifer Nelson – A	Tammy Roberg - P
Deberra Slagstad -Z			

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Arthur

Guest Present: None

PREPARATION:

Devotions: Mackenzie absent

Sharing Joys & Concerns/Opening prayer: Prayers for us as a council to work together for the good of Bethany, for people traveling, and for Bill's recovery. Pastor Arthur shared an opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: **Motion** to approve the agenda BH/TH – no discussion –Agenda approved.

Approval of Council Minutes and Budget meeting minutes: – **Motion** to approve the December 19, 2022 council meeting minutes. AK/BH - discussion - Motion carried. **Motion** to approve Budget Meeting minutes from January 9, 2023. AK/TR Motion carried.

Accept Financial Report: Refer to financial reports sent out by Wendy Markgren today. Discussion. We talked about taking a few accounts off of the designated funds that are no longer active or have zero balance. They include: Senior Pastor Sabbatical, Financial Peace, and Healthy Initiative. Dave mentioned the Parish Nurse Ministry. These should come off now as we start a new year. Audrey also brought up Facility Deposits and Wedding Fund. Since these funds have not been utilized in some time, should we move them or use them for something else? Pastor will check with Dawn for information on these. If funds are available Ted suggested using them for the Tent Ministry. Financial report accepted.

Guest Presentations: None

ACTION ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS:

Updated Status on Stewardship Pledges-There has been a reduction in pledges since the December 19th totals due to members who have passed away. It is about \$6,000 lower. Audrey asked if we could get a report with the demographics of giving for our congregation. Bill offered that Dawn does a report she submits to the Synod that would include that information. Pastor A will ask Dawn to send that information to us.

Executive Committee Annual Meeting Agenda update: Deb sent out an updated Annual Meeting Agenda. It no longer includes election of an Audit Committee. Audrey asked why we nominate Luther Park representatives so far in advance. It is because the Luther Park annual meeting is only one week following our annual meeting. Bill will be presenting the annual budget at the budget forum and annual meeting. **Motion** to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. DM/TH.No discussion.Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Updated Process Handling offerings: Audrey and Tammy have been working on this. We reviewed an updated procedure for handling the offering and funds that come into Bethany. It will be reviewed in February after some minor changes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

OLD BUSINESS

Guest Committee Schedule:Wanda will present a written report on the Green Team in February. We discussed moving Personnel up to March and shifting Finance to August. Deb will come back next month with an updated schedule for the

year. Tom Lundquist will be the new chair of the Personnel committee. There is general agreement we need to work on what the role of the personnel committee should be. We should send our ideas on this to Deb by January 22. She will present them to Personnel and get their ideas. We will discuss them further next month.

Income Update through December: Dawn is busy working on year end reports and getting ready for the new year. She will have final numbers from 2022 for us soon.

Reminder of February and March Meetings: Council meetings in February and March will be moved to the third Tuesday of the month.

Movin Out: Ted reports that he and Pastor A will be meeting by video conference with Kathryn Auerback from Movin Out next week. They are hoping to begin work on the project for integrated housing across the street (old Heritage Manor) this spring. Ted suggests maybe we can offer office space while they are working on the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee Update: Pastor Arthur reports that there are currently two council candidates who have agreed to serve. They are Jack Berkseth and Mike Diercks. The committee is currently looking for one more. Another person has been asked and we are waiting for their response.

Summer Tent: Audrey raises the subject of the summer tent? Do we want it? Do we need it? It was suggested that we might want to do a congregational survey. Pastor A likes it because it is marketable and distinctive. Deb reminded us there is a lot of planning and work involved with using the tent for outdoor services. Ted thinks there is much opportunity for community outreach. Deb asks that we come to next month's meeting with new ideas on how to use the tent.

REPORTS

Staff Reports: See attached

Committee Reports: See Attached

Motion to adjourn AK/TR – discussion none-Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council Meeting: Monday, February 13 @ 5:30

Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 21 @ 5:30pm

Assignments:

February Devotions: Dave Myre

February Collections: 8am Alexa Giddings
10am Dave Myre

February Guest Committee: Green Team will be presented as a written report by Wanda Bock.