

2024 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday January 16, 2023

Present: Joan Schoon, Matt Curran, Dave White, Ann White, Sarah Seigfried, Andy Denner, Pastor Nat Bothwell Telephonically Paul Mills and Lisa Wason.

Also in attendance: Erica Weeks

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Andy

Previous minutes: The date on the header needs to be corrected to December. Matt, moves to approve the previous minutes with the correction, Sarah seconds. The motion passes.

Ann led devotions "a piece of clay"

Treasurer Report: compared to documents: slight miscalculation year end number should read just over \$7,000 positive value. We got there via thank offering being good, council partially put funding into faith formation funds, replenished money market account, as well as Christmas baskets, and then rest to help general fund. Some seed money kept in bingo, but rest went to general fund. Paul moved to approve the Treasurer's report with Sarah seconding. The motion Passes.

2024 Budget: (moved up from New Business to accommodate Erica) Nat Erica and Doug met to go over budget. In the past 3-4 years have had buckets, but we are coding now where funds come from to match both the in and the out line items. It should help make things clearer and will allow a pie chart display in the future. Things should be clearer but also more line items. Also have combined text to give and simply giving.

Numbers: past few years have tried to budget conservative increases of offerings. Have tried to be realistic with money going out. We don't budget for thank offering or income from Christmas at Bethlehem. Budgeted deficit of -\$26,437.20 Trying to stay conservative. Not much room to trim. Not inflating.

Paul moves to approve the 2024 budget with Ann seconding. The motion passes.

Old business:

Constitution: efforts will continue into 2024 however substantial progress has been made.

Nominations: Currently have Rose, Ed, and Amanda for council nominations. We will also need to elect two reps to Synod Assembly on May 17th and 18th (Friday and Saturday)

Pastor: William is likely to be leaving us due to his job. Do we want to form a search committee? Looking for someone responsible to form plan, Sarah, Lisa and Andy will co-lead the search.

Sarah moved to Adjourn with Lisa seconding. The motion carried at 7:14 pm