

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Traverse City, Michigan

“We journey with God to serve with love”

Council Minutes: 8/20/24

Call to Order: President, Cindy Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Opening Prayer or Devotion: Tina Dohm

Quorum Call: President Cindy Monroe, Secretary Paul Wiemerslage, Treasurer Gary Ancinec, Jana Rockne, Pastor Paul Busekist, Peggy Burns, Denice Bossardet, Tina Dohm, Maureen Bauer. Excused Scott Farley, Vice President Gail Goldsmith, Financial Secretary Jim Monroe

Approval of the Minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting: Moved and approved.

Visitor Comments: Dave Peppler visited to educate and inform council about Mission Endowment and Sustaining Endowment Memorial Funds.

Reports:

Pastor’s report, Treasurer’s report, and financial Secretary report: Please see written reports for detail.

Committee Reports to Be Filed:

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| A. Christian Care | E. Personnel | I. Lower Level |
| B. Christian Education/Youth | F. Property | J. Safety/security |
| C. Fellowship | G. Stewardship | |
| D. Membership and Evangelism | H. Worship and Music | |

URGENT BUSINESS:

- A. Motion: Gary moves to appoint Jim Monroe to represent BLC in the necessary activities to obtain solar rebate through “elective pay” from the IRS. Motion carried.
- B. Update on lower level predicted costs-still gathering all necessary information. Securing bids for water removal and mold testing/remediation.
- C. Mail Chimp email service will replace mad-mimi moving forward.
- D. Motion: Peggy moves to approve cost of \$3,295 to Traverse Outdoor for repair/replace sprinkler system. Motion carried.
- E. Motion: Gary moves to approve replacement of thermostat etc in sanctuary from asset replacement acct. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Confirmation will include 6th graders. 10-12 students will be in class at one time.
- B. Dates for Vision Team/congregation meetings: Oct 6, Oct 20, Nov 17.
- C. Dates for Stewardship campaign. Still determining theme and dates.
- D. Info to council of groups authorized to use building by exec: AAUW-3 meetings, Driving program for seniors thru AARP-2-4 hr meetings, and Ecstatic Dance for grief processing.
- E. Thank you’s to City and Elmer’s for the reduction in our bill in exchange for use of parking lot.
- F. Need all necessary schedule info to prepare BLC info cards for packets for crafters and dispersal at event on Nov 2.
- G. Thank you to Alanna for amazing VBS!!!!

Old Business:

- A. 2-year goal of revision of BLC constitution (Paul W). In progress... still.
- B. Update on provision of IT services for BLC. Good progress.
- C. Angel Care Day Care Update: need to be out of current building by June 2025. BLC space without the use of the fellowship hall is not economically feasible for their needs. They are in conference with another community church.

Members' Comments:

Lord's Prayer: said by all

Adjournment: Adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Wiemerslage