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**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City, Michigan**

**“We journey with God to serve with love”**

**Council Minutes: 4/16/24**

**CALL TO ORDER** President Cindy Monroe called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**OPENING PRAYER/DEVOTION:** Jana provided the opening devotion.

**QUORUM CALL** President Cindy Monroe, Secretary Jana Rockne, Maureen Bauer, Jim Monroe, Denice Bossardet, Scott Farley, Vice President Paul Wiemerslage, Tina Dohm, Jim Hinds, Gail Goldsmith and Pastor Paul Busekist were present. Gary Ancinec was absent.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES** Maureen moved, motion was seconded to approve the minutes from the council meeting on 3/19/24. Motion passed.

**CONGREGATIONAL AND VISITOR COMMENTS:** None

**REPORTS**

**PASTOR’S REPORT** Pastor Paul provided a written report. Please refer to his written report for further details.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** Gary provided a written report and Jim M. provided verbal feedback on the treasurer’s report. Please see the written report for more details. .

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT** Jim referred council members to his written report. Please refer to Jim’s written report for more details.

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Committee Reports** Reports were submitted by the Financial Secretary, Christian Care, Christian Education/Youth, Fellowship and Personnel. All were accepted as reported. Please refer to the reports for more details. Additionally, a report was submitted by Gail Goldsmith on behalf of the Safety and Security Committee (see report).

**URGENT BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Membership changes: Cindy moved and the motion was seconded for the following: Approve acceptance of members Amy Haara and Bethany Uhl. Noted with sadness the passing of Marjorie Whitney and Russ Luttinen.
2. Approve new rates for substitute Presiders/preachers per synod guidelines: issue was tabled to allow for further discussion and exploration (need to include SAM).
3. Amend personnel policy to close the church office on the Monday after Easter to allow a substitute day for the Good Friday holiday. Maureen moved for this policy to be included in our personnel policies, motion seconded and passed.
4. REFRESH and/or upgrade of mikes, etc. w/ $$$$ from sustaining endowment: Paul W. discussed the previous committee and raised the question of renewal of the project. No further action taken at this time. Pastor Paul presented the written request for funding of the mikes and other items to the sustaining endowment committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Safety and Security Committee Update: Gail provided an update on the Safety and Security Committee. Gail made a motion, which was seconded, to extend the policy of locking the main doors during services. Motion passed.
2. 2-year goal of revision of BLC constitution: Paul reported this is still in process and he is making progress
3. Addition of more handicapped parking spaces: Planned for this summer.
4. Update on provision of IT services for BLC: in process.

**MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:** Each council member was given an opportunity for general/undocumented comments.

**LORD’S PRAYER:** Said by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Respectfully submitted.**

**Jana Rockne, Council Secretary**