

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

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

**Council Minutes: 5/21/24**

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES** Gary moved, motion was seconded to approve the minutes from the council meeting on 4/16/24. 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. Please see the written report for more details.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR: Committee Reports** Reports were submitted by the Financial Secretary, Christian Care, Christian Education/Youth, Fellowship and Worship and Music. All were accepted as reported. Please refer to the reports for more details.

**URGENT BUSINESS:**

- A.** Motion: Approve change order from Northshore for \$2720.91 to be paid from the Asset Replacement Money Market Account with money from the previous sale of the house. Gary moved, motion was seconded and passed. (This motion is to pay for additional expenses on roof repairs.)
- B.** Motion: Approve payment of \$3,950 to Temperature Control for repair of boiler #1 with general asset replacement money from the Money Market Account (not from sale of the house). Gary moved, motion was seconded and passed.
- C.** Motion: Approve spending of designated memorial gift of \$5000 for fellowship activities to replace refrigerator for \$3000+, have dishwasher maintained for \$200+, have Fellowship Hall carpet cleaned, and purchase new plastic tablecloths. Gary moved, motion seconded and passed.
- D.** Motion: Create an account in the budget for designated memorials. Gary moved, motion seconded and passed.

- E. Motion: Establish committee to have preliminary report ready for annual meeting about water situation in basement with possible solutions and cost. Gary moved, motion seconded and passed. (Membership of the committee to include Gary A., Carl L, Doug Cunningham and Bethany Uhl.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Membership changes: Approve full membership for: Pam Reid, Doug and Diane Cunningham, Dave and Lindsay Susalski, Chris and Renna' Walter, and Nancy and Jay Pflasterer and associate membership for Steve Kramer and Gale Kiessel. Cindy moved, motion was seconded and passed.
- B. Reminder of all annual reports and bios should be submitted to Barbara Oster by May 28 for the 6/16/24 annual meeting.
- C. Upgrade of microphones, tables, etc with money from sustaining endowment – approved.
- D. Very preliminary discussion for BLC to host a non-profit day care center at the church. They are waiting for a decision from state licensing to determine if our building can meet the needs of their 48 children, if all can be approved. Motion: The daycare program can rent parts of the BLC building 5 days per week including a portion of the fellowship hall with the knowledge that they have to adjust their location in the build on days when BLC has a funeral. There was not action on this motion. Motion: Allow inspection of the building and continued discussion with interested parties. Gary moved, motion was seconded and passed.
- E. Motion: Allow 4-5 weekly bills from the Flower Shop to be paid monthly. Scott moved, motion was seconded and passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. 2-year goal of revision of BLC constitution. Paul W. was absent but there is continued progress on this project.
- B. Update on provision of IT services for BLC. Pastor Paul presented options from a meeting he had with an IT company. More information to follow.

**MEMBERS' COMMENTS:** Each council member was given an opportunity for general/undocumented comments. Special recognition was given to Jim Hinds for his years of service on the council and his continued commitment to Christian Care ministry.

**LORD'S PRAYER:** Said by all.

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

**Respectfully submitted.**

**Jana Rockne, Council Secretary**