

Bethany Lutheran Church

COUNCIL MTG MINUTES

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 6:00 PM

Members Present: Pastor Carl Larson, Darren Bushinger, Bruce Ford, Gary Oberton, Elizabeth Oberton, Brad Hansen, Wendy Richmond and guest Mike LuConic

Devotions: Pastor Carl opened with a reading and prayer.

Pastor's Report: Everything is going well. Both Pastor Carl & Pastor Chris enjoy working with Bethany.

Financial Secretary Report: Bruce made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary Report, seconded by Brad, motioned carried.

Council discussions:

Solar Panel Update: Total cost is \$100,000. The loan was approved. Terms \$70,000 for ten years at 5.95%. \$30,000 from grant. Pledges received to date: \$6,550 (seven forms received). Date of Congregational Meeting – January 22, 2023.

Snowplowing: Need to hire someone to do the snowplowing. Brad knows of a couple of people who might be interested, will make some phone calls.

AED: Brad will contact the person that will do AED and CPR training, looking at February. The pads on the AED are expired. Brad will order new pads.

Shalom Sign: Gary added the new sign to the back of the Barn Quilt. He is also checking into a new reader board.

Playground Equipment: Norb has prices on equipment, will bring to next council meeting.

Lenten Services: Ash Wednesday is February 22. The Joint Ministry Team will decide how we will do the Lenten services. Their next meeting is scheduled for Feb 9. A sign-up sheet will be made for soup and sandwiches. Selecting a recipient of the Lenten offering will be done at a later date. Pastor Carl suggested using it to help youth attend the National Youth Gathering.

Estate Planning Workshop: A thank you was sent to Generations Legal Services. Great feedback from participants. Mike wanted to thank Lynn for setting it up.

Warranty on Stoves: Gary will check with Evan's in Randall to see if we purchased from them. Doug Wiherski is also looking into the warranty. Joel Pantzke has the name of a repairman.

Sunday School: Classes will resume in January.

Evangelism: Pastor Carl suggested taking a Sunday, getting a bus and heading to the cities for a play or some event. Further discussion next month.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:50 PM.

Next Council Meeting January 17th, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes were approved by email.