

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 16, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Darren Bushinger, Lynn Bushinger, Gary Oberton, Maggie Petersen, Elizabeth Oberton, Pastor Carl Larson, Norb Bueckers

Review and Acceptance of November Minutes: Norb made a motion to accept the November minutes, seconded by Gary, motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Gary made a motion to accept the financial Secretary's Report, seconded by Norb, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn shared the balance sheet, statement of activities report, and a designated cash on hand supplemental report. Norb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Maggie seconded, motion carried. Elizabeth is going to look into the possibility of using Venmo for church offerings since we are charged for online service fees for credit cards.

Old Business:

Stoves: Stoves are still not working great, it's a work in progress and hope to get it fixed soon.

Back door lock: Gary replaced and it's working now.

National Youth Gathering in New Orleans: Pastor Chris, Maggie and Wyatt Petersen, and Elizabeth and Emily Oberton will be going July 16-20. They will be going along with Pastor Chris' wife's church in Perham. It will cost about \$6,000 total for registration, hotel, airfare, and food. We have money set aside in our Youth fund. Gary made a motion to dedicate \$6,000 of the youth fund to send kids/chaperones on the trip, Seconded by Norb, motion carried. Maggie and Elizabeth abstained from the vote. Pastor Chris will be in contact with Lynn about the funds.

New Business:

Lenten Services: There will be a 5:45 soup and sandwich supper, followed by 6:30 service with the Holden Evening Prayer. Darren will talk to Wendy about getting a sign-up sheet for suppers. We will determine where the lenten offering will be designated at the next council meeting. Gary will contact the Morrison County Record to advertise.

Altar Guild: There are needed repairs of the protective cover for the altar. Jan Bueckers is working on getting new paraments and a plexiglass cover.

Family movie and game night: Friday, February 23 at 6pm. We talked about possibly sending a note to our VBS families, and/or possibly putting it in the Morrison County Record.

Joint Ministry Team: Mike and Jan have a meeting on February 8th. We can have Jan or Mike provide a report at church afterwards to let the congregation know how things are going.

Evangelism: We talked about bringing the chicken supper back in the Fall. Norb will make an announcement at church to see if there's interest. We could stick with chicken like we've done in the past or try something different.

Gary made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Elizabeth, motion carried.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:53 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes were approved by email.