

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Darren Bushinger, Gary Oberton, Maggie Petersen, Elizabeth Oberton, Pastor Carl Larson, Norb Bueckers, Brad Hansen, Tania Hendrickson. Also present: Mary Schlanglen

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

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

The 2023 Audit was completed on Sunday, March 17. (See attached note.)

Old Business

Outdoor services: After discussion, we decided to have 2 Saturday outdoor worship services this summer on June 8 and Aug. 17 with BBQ supper afterwards. We will still have Sunday services the following day. On Sunday, July 14 we will have an indoor worship service with contemporary music similar to what we do with outdoor services. Afterwards, we'll have a potluck.

Playground equipment: Tania found a good deal on a used playground set. Council approved the purchase over email and it has been brought to the garage for now. The playground area will need to be expanded to fit everything. We'll need volunteers to help with staining it. We're thinking that when it warms up we'll set up a day to work on it. We'd like to have it finished by the first outdoor service in June.

Lenten Offering Designation: Norb made a motion to donate the lenten offerings to the Motley Food Shelf, seconded by Brad, motion carried.

New Business

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday's service will be at 6:30 at Bethany. On Good Friday Staples will have a noon service.

Evangelism: We decided to go ahead with a Fall dinner. It could be a chicken supper like we've done in the past or try something different. Norb is going to get a group together after Easter to meet and start planning. We also talked about having a bigger sign for our church on highway 10.

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Minutes were approved by email.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2023 Audit

1 We reviewed: the bank reconciliations including subsequent clearings of o/s checks and deposits and agreed to Balance Sheet at December 31, 2023:

MidMinn Checking

MidMinn Shares

Thrivent Investment (Mission) Thrivent Mod

Conservative

2. We agreed envelope totals to the 2023 receipts for General, Building and misc. funds.

3. We scanned the details of expense accounts for 2023.

4. We agreed checks and invoices/approvals to expenses for the month and agreed deposit totals for September 2023.

5. We reviewed the costs of the Solar project and added it to fixed assets.

6. We reviewed Solar collections and agreed to balance owing.

7. We agreed to checkbook and bank statements for:

Women of Bethany Checking Women of Bethany

Savings

Conclusion: The items reviewed and tested were found to be in good order.

Audit committee,

Janet, Randy and Darren