

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 21, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Gary Oberton, Maggie Petersen, Elizabeth Oberton, Pastor Carl Larson, Brad Hansen, Darren Bushinger, and Lynn Bushinger.

Pastor's report: Faith Lutheran has invited us to have a combined service with them in Staples on July 21 with a potluck to follow. Gary made a motion to accept the invitation, seconded by Brad, motion carried. This will be added to the bulletin and newsletter, along with a note on the door and sign outside so everyone is aware of the plan.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Lynn reviewed the April, 2024 Financial Statements including the Balance Sheet, Statement of Activities and Designated Cash Report. Gary made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Brad. The 990-T signature and submission was approved via e-mail correspondence by Council on May 13 and May 14, 2024. BLC fiscal year does not align with that on record with the IRS, causing delays. The best course of action is being determined by Amanda and the CPA firm.

Old Business

Fall dinner: We will have a Fall dinner on Saturday, September 28, with the time to be determined

Playground Equipment: We will be pressure washing and staining the playground set soon. We will also need to buy more pea rock and extend the playground area with wooden beams. The plan is to work on this after church on June 2. Gary made a motion to buy the needed supplies for this project, and Brad seconded, motion carried.

New Business

Piano Tuner: This will happen in the spring and fall.

Spring/Fall cleaning: Gary will spray the outside of the building by doors and windows in the fall for spiders and insects. We can pressure wash any area that has spider webs.

Prairie grass/wild flowers: Gary has a plan to plant some prairie grass/flowers by solar arrays.

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

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:30 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024, no meeting in July, 2024

Minutes were approved by email.