

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024 6:00 PM

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

Pastor's report: Pastor Carl began the meeting with devotion. Pastor Chris is with his family this week. Pastor Carl will be at Bethany this Sunday, and Faith will have a supply pastor.

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

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

Old Business

Solar grant progress: We are currently working on applying for the solar grant from the federal government. We will get around 30% back from the project which will be about \$30,000. Our fiscal year does not align with that on record with the IRS, which has caused a delay for the submission of the paperwork. Gary talked with the IRS and we need to refile in mid July and everything should go through.

Fall dinner: (Saturday, September 28th) There will be a meeting coming up in July to plan. We talked about advertising. Pastor Carl will check with Pastor Chris about Bethany's Facebook account. Elizabeth offered to help using Facebook to advertise.

Playground equipment: We're waiting for the weather to dry so we can prepare the playground site for the new equipment.

Prairie grass/wild flowers: Gary planted some prairie grass/flowers by solar arrays. Total cost for the seed was \$450.

Outdoor services: On Aug. 17 we will have a BBQ and outdoor worship service without a pastor. We will still have our normal service on Sunday, Aug. 18 with a pastor. On Sunday, July 14, we are still planning to have an indoor worship service with contemporary music similar to what we do with outdoor services and there will be a potluck afterwards.

Door knob: The back door knob/lock isn't working and it isn't under warranty. If it continues to not work we'll need to purchase a new one.

New Business

Joint service: We will have a joint service on July 21st at Faith Lutheran at 9am. There will not be a service at Bethany that morning.

Distribution of newsletters: Norb was wondering about setting Bethany's newsletter out at local businesses in the area for people to take it they were interested in. Pastor Carl offered to help update the newsletter for this.

Quilt report: The quilters have made 27 quilts for the Staples and Little Falls Kidney Dialysis Centers. They have made 11 quilts for the Adult and Teen Challenge.

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

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

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 20, 2024 on the pontoon (weather permitting)
5886 Bear Rd, Cushing (No meeting in July, 2024)

Minutes were approved by email.