

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Maggie Petersen, Elizabeth Oberton, Pastor Chris Mathiason, Brad Hansen, Darren Bushinger, Lynn Bushinger, and Tania Hendrikson (on speaker phone)

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

Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Reports: Lynn went over both reports. Elizabeth made a motion to accept the financial secretary's report, seconded by Maggie, motion carried. Brad made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Elizabeth, motion carried.

Old Business

Fall dinner: (Saturday, September 28th) We will need many volunteers to help make the evening a success. There is a sign up sheet at church. There will be a free will offering for the dinner.

New Business

Annual Meeting: (Sunday, October 20) Reports are due to Wendy 2 weeks prior by October 6th. If anyone has agenda items they should talk to Darren or Wendy. We will have a potluck lunch after the meeting.

Building Repairs:

1. The sound system is in need of an upgrade. John Nelson will look into purchasing new equipment. Elizabeth made a motion to allow John Nelson to purchase new sound equipment up to \$3,000, seconded by Maggie, motion carried.
2. Norb mentioned that the carpet in fellowship hall is not in great shape. We will have the carpet cleaned after the fall dinner and then see if it will need to be replaced or not.

Scam Calls/Text Messages: Some people from church have received fake text messages from people claiming to be our pastor and telling them they need to purchase apple gift cards for them. The pastors will never ask congregation members for gift cards or money, so never agree to this. Mary Hansen (who is in charge of maintaining the church website) will take off any personal phone numbers listed. We will also write something about this to warn congregation members in upcoming bulletins and our newsletter.

Pancake Breakfast: We will be starting this up again in September. It will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, except in October.

Soup Kitchen Activity: Maggie is going to look into having a Share A Meal at Bethany in the future.

Recorded Calls from Faith Lutheran: Faith Lutheran currently uses a service that sends out recorded phone messages. Bethany members received a call by accident from Faith about an upcoming church service change last month. If this ever happens again, just disregard the message. We discussed how this could be a service that Bethany uses occasionally for our church service announcements also.

Sunday School Curriculum: We currently do not have a Sunday school curriculum. Pastor Chris will set up a meeting with Sunday school teachers in the near future.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:11 pm.

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

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00.