

Bethany Lutheran Church

COUNCIL MTG MINUTES

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 6:00 PM

Members Present: Pastor Chris Mathiason, Darren Bushinger, Norb Bueckers, Bruce Ford, Gary Oberton, Elizabeth Oberton, Brad Hansen and Wendy Richmond. Special Guest: Lynn Bushinger

Devotions: Pastor Chris opened with a reading and prayer.

Pastor's Report: Rally Sunday was this past Sunday, one Bible was given out. Sunday School begins on October 1 and will be on the first and third Sunday of the month.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bruce made a motion to accept the Preliminary 2024 Proposed Budget, seconded by Gary, motion carried.

Council discussions:

Solar Project Update: October 1 we will tilt the solar panels for the winter months. Darren will check with KB Electric to see if Kris can come and help us.

Ovens: Ovens are still not working properly. Possibly be the regulators that came from the old church. Gary will check into this.

Teen Challenge: will take part in the service on October 15th.

Annual Meeting: Norb made a motion to hold the Annual Meeting on October 22, seconded by Brad, motion carried. Wendy needs the reports by October 8. The nominating committee needs to find two new council members and someone to replace Lynn on the Joint Ministry Team.

Substitute Organist: Roxie Flicek has the name of a woman from St. Cloud who is available to be a substitute. Gary will check with Roxie to see if she agrees with the amount we pay an organist.

Septic Pumping: Never been pumped? We will get it pumped in the spring.

Pancake Breakfast: Need to use Thrivent Grants. Proceeds will go to getting more playground equipment. Brad can request another grant.

Gazebo Idea: President Darren was approached by a member of Bethany that we should have a gazebo. We will table that idea for now.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:50 PM.

Next Council Meeting October 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes were approved by email.