

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, October 17, 2016 (prepared by Roger Martin)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Craig Antonson – P	Carol Hakala – P	Wendy Markgren – P	Dave Wilson – P
Julie Bever – P	Tina Henningsen – P	Roger Martin – P	
Beth Brown – P	Kevin Jacobson – P	John Osterloth – P	
Ryan DeNucci – A	Jim Kusilek – P	Walfsy Pierre – P	

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Grant Aaseng – P Amy Brekke – P Dawn Paul – P

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Roger Martin

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Open Forum – None

Minutes from 9/15/16 meeting (submitted by Osterloth) – Approved (Martin/Wilson)

INFORMATION/ACTION: Began meeting with reports to allow latter portion of meeting to focus on Pastoral Ministry Task Force recommendation.

Pastor Grant - The **Stewardship** Committee will be preparing the annual commitment appeal letter to go out early in December. The theme of this year's appeal is "**Blessed to be a Blessing.**" Continued efforts to provide monthly events for Bethany members to invite a guest. Encouraged every Council Member to participate in the "**Blessed, Broken and Scared**" **Spiritual Retreat** on November 12.

Reviewed letter of request from Barron County Emergency Services for Bethany to provide Emergency Shelter in the event of select emergency situations (e.g. long-term power outages, fire, hazardous materials evacuation, etc.) **MOTION (Osterloth/Wilson):** Approve #1 *Temporary Warming Center* and #2 *Temporary Shelter* and deny #3 *Long Term Shelter* components of request. APPROVED

Discussed upcoming potential for Bethany to review and update its Constitution to comply with recent ELCA "best practices" model constitution. Many of these changes were a result of the recent ELCA meeting in New Orleans. Carol Hakala attended the meeting and would be instrumental in a Task Force to address these potential changes and present them at the annual meeting.

Property Committee 5 Year Plan – Walfsty Pierre presented updated requests from the Property Management Committee for removal and replacement of insulation in the SE and S attic. Presented estimate from Rock & Tait Exteriors for \$8950. Council had discussion re: timing of insulation work as it relates to previously approved roofing repairs. Additionally council discussed the importance of future repair and maintenance projects having budgetary planning and approval on an annual basis. **MOTION (Hakala/Bever):** Accept R&T bid with contingency that the new insulation won't be damaged if the work is done prior to new roofing and that the Finance Committee will secure appropriate financing for the project. APPROVED

Finance – MOTION (Hakala/Bever): Approve Financial Report/Statement as presented. APPROVED

<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PASTORAL STAFFING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION</p>
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MOTION (Hakala/Brown): Move out of closed session. APPROVED

MOTION (Hakala/Markgren): Approve the recommendation of the Pastoral Staffing Task Force to begin the call process for a second full-time pastor with strengths in Youth & Young Adults and Relational and Innovative Ministries. The position would be supervised by the Senior Pastor. The Job Description is to be finalized by the Call Committee. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

A presentation will be made by the Pastoral Staffing Task Force on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 as well as to review additional information re: the Call Process. Council members are encouraged to attend.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Committee: Monday 11/14/16 5:15p

Council Meeting: Monday 11/21/16 5:30p

ASSIGNMENTS:

November Devotions: Julie Bever

November Collection/Lockup: Julie Bever / Ryan DeNucci

December Devotions: Ryan DeNucci

December Collection/Lockup: Dave Wilson / Walfsty Pierre