

## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

**MINUTES from:** Monday, January 21, 2019 (prepared by Roger Martin)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** P = Present A = Absent

Paul Baribeau - A

Rachel Engel – A

Wendy Markgren – P

Julie Bever - P

Chick Feather – P

Jennifer Nelson – A

Beth Brown – P

Michael Husak – P

Ed Skaw - A

Mike Diercks – P

Roger Martin – P

DeAnna Westphal – P

Dave Wilson – P

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Pastor Grant – P Pastor Luci – P Dawn Paul – P

### PREPARATION:

*Devotions* – Wendy Markgren

Update on HVAC controls upgrade – Eric Roethel (postponed for third time to FEB)

*Sharing Joys & Concerns*

*Open Forum* – NA

### INFORMATION/ACTION:

**Meeting Minutes 12/17/18:** Approved (DW/WM)

**HVAC Upgrade Phase 2:** Dawn Paul brought a request from the Property Committee for approval to proceed with the planned second phase of the HVAC system upgrade which addresses the east office area. Total cost of the proposal from Trane is \$5,925 and would be covered by the Building Fund. MD noted that the date of the proposal is expired so a correctly-dated estimate should be obtained. Motion APPROVED (RM/JB)

**Finance Forum:** An open forum was held on Sunday JAN 20 @ 9am for anyone having questions about the 2019 budget proposal. BB and CF were present as well as PG and PL.

**Vision 20/20:** PG asked that written reports be shared at future council meetings updating the group on the 3 action teams established (Growing Young, Building Community and Growing Faith). New council members should be added to one of the teams as well.

**New Council/Trust Fund nominees:** The nominating committee of Carol Hakala, Bun Hanson, Craig Antonson, Jim Kusilek and John Osterloth have presented the following names for election at the annual meeting to be held Sunday JAN 27: Bills Evans, Alexa Giddings, Brad Wiedmann, Mal Bailey. Also nominated to fill an open seat on the Trust Fund is Rick Benson. Any additional nominations will be made from the floor at the meeting.

**Nominating Committee for 2020:** Outgoing council members BB, WM, RM, DWe will be nominated at the annual meeting to be the Nominating Committee for open council seats in 2020 as per the congregation bylaws. One additional at-large congregation member will complete the 5 person committee.

**EPIC Training FEB 2 @ 9a-2p:** Reminder to all current and future council members that attendance is requested at the NW WI Synod's EPIC training event being held at Bethany. The session focuses on the duties of church council members.

**Annual Meeting SUN JAN 27 at 9am:** Council discussed plans and assigned duties to help orchestrate the Annual Meeting. All council members are asked to be in attendance. BB will contact nominees for new positions to confirm their attendance.

**Council Offering/Lock Up duties:** Reminded all council members of their duty to pick up offering and lock up as per the sign up sheet completed at the outset of the council year. Each council member is assigned 2 months. Be sure to communicate with your council member partner for the month and remember that you each have the duty for a specific service. You are responsible to secure a substitute if you cannot be in attendance after your assigned service. Any special services in your assigned month are also to be covered.

**Lift Purchase Request:** Dawn Paul and Wendy Markgren brought a verbal request from the Property Committee to approve up to \$4K for the potential purchase of a used lift for use in the church. The requested amount is a maximum the committee would use as they seek out a quality used lift in the market. The lift would be used to change light bulbs, clean windows, fix ceiling tile, hang banners and decorations. MOTION: Approve up to \$4K for the purchase of a used lift (WM/DW). NOT APPROVED. Council discussed the many merits of such a lift but asked that the motion be tabled until the following questions be addressed in a written proposal to be added to a council agenda and re-submitted by a member of the Property Committee at a future meeting:

1. General specs re: size incl. photograph of example
2. Estimated required maintenance costs/procedures
3. Storage plan
4. Usage plan (who can use?)
5. Any impact on insurance (liability)?
6. Comparable cost to rent on as-needed basis (actual negotiated quote from local source)

**Mutual Ministry Planning Team:** Amy shared the results of the planning team's off-site planning meeting re: the 2019-2020 season. Team is comprised of Pastor Luci, Amy and Angie.

**Outgoing Council Members:** PG expressed appreciation for the work done by the 4 outgoing council members: Beth Brown, Wendy Markgren, Roger Martin and DeAnna Westphal

#### **NEXT MEETINGS:**

**Executive Council Meeting:** Monday 2/11/19 @ 5:00p

**Council Meeting:** Monday 2/18/19 @ 5:30p

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

**February Devotions:** Paul Baribeau

**February Collection/Lockup:** Ed Skaw (8:00 am) / Julie Bever (10:00 am)

**March Devotions:** TBD @ FEB meeting

**March Collection/Lockup:** TBD @ FEB meeting