

Bethel Lutheran Church Council

Minutes

August 12, 2020

Council President Traci Shoberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present - Traci Shoberg, Dustie Fisher, Betty Puffinburger, Pastor Dave Young, Vonda Wilt, Lee Braithwaite, Mike McKiernan, Julie Shanabrook, and John Fredericksen.

Pastor Dave Young conducted the installation ceremony for Betty Puffinburger and Dustie Fisher. The Council welcomed them.

John Fredericksen moved, with Vonda Wilt seconding, that the July Council minutes be approved as submitted. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Betty Puffinburger moved, with Vonda Wilt seconding, that the July financial reports be approved as submitted. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Pastor Dave reported on current and proposed programs:

Virtual church 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Outdoor church 2nd and 4th Sundays

Adult class on the book of Revelations

Adult confirmation (starting after Reformation Sunday)

Regular youth confirmation

Joint Sunday school with area churches, Bethel has Thanksgiving Sunday

Survey on Sunday school options via Survey Monkey – Pre-K

Elementary

Middle school

High school

Board reports covered – Shrimp boil (possibly “to go”)

Garage sale (not likely)

Harvest Sunday (plan for August 23rd)

John Fredericksen reported on progress on Classical Cottage School Bethel facility usage covering such topics as cleaning, mister/foggers, physical distancing (6'), lunch (outside), masks (everyone, all of the time), alternating weeks, library, Bibles/hymnals/other (Bethel action), insurance (covered), ELCA (meeting with John Marx Monday), enrollment (reduced/shifting), and "Hoteling" classrooms.

John Fredericksen moved with Lee Braithwaite seconding that we welcome Classical Cottage School to use the Bethel facility on a probationary basis pending compliance with the applicable CDC, VDH, and VDOE standards and requirements and authorize Bethel to purchase a misting/fogging tool and appropriate supplies
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Vonda Wilt moved, with Betty Puffinburger seconding, to allow Faith In Action and TOPS to hold their meetings in Bethel immediately after church service when we start indoor services so we don't have to do extra cleaning, meeting outdoors otherwise, following CDC guidelines and with no access to the facility. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mike McKiernan moved with Julie Shanabrook seconding to only allow a bridal shower to be held in the pavilion following CDC guidelines without access to the facility. Motion Carried Unanimously.

John Fredericksen moved with Vonda Wilt seconding, to approve counselor support fundraisers to generate what money they can for Caroline Furnace. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Lee Braithwaite moved with John Fredericksen seconding, to accept the volunteer services of Sheri Fletcher as an office assistant. Motion Carried Unanimously.

The 200th Anniversary video is coming along well under Pastor Dave's tutelage. The main celebration will be held in 2021 to allow for maximum enjoyment, and peace of mind.

Bethel is delighted to accept the donation of funds to paint the pavilion.

President Traci canvassed the Council, and noting no further business, adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Fredericksen, Secretary