

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 9, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Pastor Dave opened the evening with a devotional prayer at 7:30 pm.

President Traci convened the meeting with Pastor Dave, Kim Williams, Betty Puffenburger, Traci Shoberg, Dustie Fisher, Vonda Wit, Bruce Lothrop, Michael McKiernan, Curtis Grymala, Beth Garner, Julie Shanabrook, and John Fredericksen present.

John Fredericksen moved, with Beth Garner seconding, that the November Council minutes be approved as emailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Vonda Wilt moved, with Dustie Fisher seconding, that the December financial reports be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Dave's report included (in addition to the increasing incorporation of technology to engage parishioners with the Christmas holiday worship opportunities):

- o Teaching classes
- o Disciple group
- o Sunday school for "Little Lutherans"
- o " " " Luther League
- o The Underground
- o Worship preparations
- o Recording "Christmas in the Barn" and Festival services
- o Holden Evening Prayer services
- o Mid-week events (ie Campfire Conversations)
- o On-line conference collaboration Sunday school
- o Prayer requests
- o Internet service has been upgraded

Beth Garner reported on the successful Servant Board activities that she and her team are carrying out with donations to C-CAP, Global Missions, and others.

Dustie Fisher reported on her work with her team on the Little Lutherans Fun Run and On-Line Sunday School.

Betty Puffenburger carried the day by creating a beautiful prayer shawl for a parishioner who had never been "shawled" in a moving ceremony. God Winks!

Pastor Dave reported that the person previously hoping to be available to head up the underground project can't do it. A committee will be formed to interview a general for appropriate assistance in this project. Pastor Dave and John Fredericksen will meet to invite proposed committee members.

Lee Braithwaite has pink pearls available for a silent auction to raise money for the underground.

The following topics were discussed without official action:

- o Paying off the remainder of the mortgage
- o Updating the sanctuary sound and visual system
- o Finishing out the underground
- o Thank you to Grace Lutheran Church for \$1,000 donation to celebrate our 200th anniversary.
- o Piano upgrade

John Fredericksen moved, with Lee Braithwaite seconding, to move adequate funds from the memorial fund to balance the Jones fund and to make appropriate financial and operational adjustments to keep the Jones fund in balance. Motion carried with Betty Puffenburger voting no.

The staff and council will convene in a Friday evening/Saturday morning virtual retreat during January, with dates to be set (either the 8th & 9th, 15th & 16th, or 22nd & 23rd).

Upon detailed staff review of Council elections and appointments, John Fredericksen moved, with Vonda Wilt seconding, that Beth Garner be appointed to fill out the remainder of Traci Shoberg's Council term. Motion carried unanimously.

Pastor Dave convened the 2021 officers' election process.

- o President – John Fredericksen
- o Vice-president – Vonda Wilt
- o Secretary – Bruce Lothrop
- o Treasurer – Betty Puffenburger

2021 Board Directors are:

- o Learning – Dustie Fisher
- o Worship – Lee Braithwaite
- o Servant – Beth Garner
- o Ministry Support – Michael McKiernan
- o Congregational Life – Curtis Grymala
- o Prayer and Care – Pastor Dave

President Traci and Vice-president Julie were presented with tokens of our great appreciation for their diligent and thoughtful leadership.

Pastor Dave prayed us out at 9:20 pm.