

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL Minutes
July 12, 2023 – 7:00pm

A monthly meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held by Zoom on July 12th, 2023 by Zoom. Council President Traci Shoberg, Vice President Rachel Carlson, Secretary Bruce Lothrop, Brian Davies, John Fredericksen and David Look were present at the meeting.

Call to Order

Council President called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 pm.

Opening Prayer

Bruce Lothrop offered an opening prayer.

Consent Agenda Items

The July agenda, minutes of the June Council meeting, and sanctuary renovation update were approved by acclamation as parts of the consent agenda. Traci Shoberg shared that pew installation and sound board installation have been completed in the Sanctuary, so that Bethel should be able to hold worship in the Sanctuary on July 30th as planned. Brian Davies reported that he has contacted a person who can assist George Donovan with camera setup for recording worship services.

Financial Reports

Church Administrator Kim Williams provided detailed financial reports to all members of Council prior to the meeting. Due to a series of generous gifts, income for June was \$38,020, \$12,272 more than anticipated in the Ministry Spending Plan. Expenses for June were \$27,784, \$17,346 less than anticipated in the spending plan. \$10,000 of the unrealized expenses are due to an expected \$10,000 benevolence payment to the Virginia Synod which has not yet been made. That amount is still expected to be paid during 2023. Year to date income exceeds expenses by \$4,841.

The financial reports were approved, as presented, by acclamation.

Old Business

BLC Campaign

Pastor David Young, Rachel Carlson, and Brian Davies met to begin planning the BLC capital campaign. BLC stands for both “Bethel Lutheran Church”, and “Bless” our past, “Lift” our present, “Create” our future. The logo for the campaign will be a Dogwood tree, native to Frederick County, where the roots represent our past, the trunk represents the present, and flowering canopy represents the future. A silent campaign will be immediately, and run to September 10th, which is “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. A first phase will begin on September 10th, with a goal of reaching \$150,000 by March 2024. The goal of the whole project will be to raise \$500,000 by the end of 2025. Phase one will focus on direct giving from the Congregation. Phase two will focus on finding methods of fundraising that reach beyond the Congregation. Brian is prepared to begin sharing information about the campaign with the congregation.

New Business

Event Approvals Needed:

A silent auction fundraiser was approved for July 30th to raise funds for GRACES during Hannah Nedeau’s visit that Sunday.

Other New Business

Shrimp Boil

Will Sigler has requested that the Shrimp boil not be held on “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday.

Closing Prayer

Rachel offered a closing prayer

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by motion at approximately 7:55 pm.