



**Council Meeting**

Date: 7/10/2024  
 Start:  
 7:00 pm  
 Adjourned:  
 8:30pm

**Next Meetings:**

Exec Committee: 8/06/24 5:00PM  
 Council: 8/14/24 7:00PM

**Attendees:**

Pastor Dave, Rachel Carlson (via phone), Brian Davies, Lynda Grymala, Bruce Lothrop, John Fredericksen,, Rene Hollebrandse, Betty Puffinberger, Jennifer LaFollette, Cherie Lauck, KIm Williams



**Agenda Items**

Target Time	Topics (Estimated Time)	Item Details	Person Responsible	Discussion	Actions Taken Deadline	Person Responsible
	Call to Order/Opening Prayer (5 min)		Brian Pastor Dave	Prayers with specific concerns for ailing members		
	Consent Agenda (5 min)	Approval of Agenda June Minutes Staff Updates Facility Rentals Pastor's Report	Brian	Clarification was made that Montessori School is not included as one of the rentals referenced in Nina's report.  Pastor Dave added to his report that he will be part of a committee to discern the distribution of property at Lenoir- Rhyne Seminary as it will be moving to the campus in Hickory NC  Consent Agenda Items approved.		
	<b>Recurring Items</b>					
	Financial Team	BLC progress to date  Financial reports	Lynda & Jennifer  Kim	Betty will ask Linda Short if she still has the blossoms she made. If not, then Jennifer and Linda will make blossoms.  June shortfalls = cash flow shortage and concerns with meeting payroll. Decrease in electronic billing is partially due to members changing to ACH/Bill Pay option which is less costly to process. Received first payment from Montessori school in July. Letter from Pastor Dave and Rachel will be forthcoming to update the	Blossoms on tree and snazzy bloom slide by July 14th	Jenifer & Linda  Brian

	Financial continued			<p>congregation on finances and status of solar project and funding requirements.</p> <p>Financial reports approved.</p>		
	Facility Update	<p>Status on health inspections and hot water heaters</p> <p><u>Estimate on hold until August:</u> <u>Underground HVAC</u> <u>Septic lines and tank pumping maintenance</u></p> <p>Roof drainage concerns</p> <p>Facility Mgr Applicants</p>	<p>George Sr / Nina</p> <p>Rachel</p> <p>Pastor Dave</p>	<p>Hot water heater in the underground has been replaced. Small sink from nursery is being repurposed to the classroom area at minimal cost. To reduce confusion and expedite Montessori certification, health inspections will be divided between requirements for school and what Bethel needs for event rentals.</p> <p>Kim and George, Sr are developing a comprehensive list of facility repairs that are needed and require an estimate of cost from contractors</p> <p>after rain on 6/26 ,Anderson Roofing inspected and said no issues</p> <p>There are a few interested people who would like to be part of a team. Still need a volunteer leader. Aside from cash flow this is one of our most pressing matters.</p>	<p>Make a priority and continue to “advertise”</p>	<p>Council</p>
	Communications Team	written update	Cherie & Bruce	<p>Encourage use of name tags at worship to be helpful to Vicar Lynette. Greeters will assist with this effort.</p> <p>Discussed benefits of a photo directory. John offered to set up a photo shoot after worship July 14th, 21st, 28th &amp; Aug 4th.</p>	<p>As close to August 11th as possible</p>	<p>John, Kim, and Pastor Dave</p>
	Engagement Team	No written report but time for conversation allotted. In	Betty/John	<p>Betty suggested making a plan for facilitating new member shepherding and FAQ’s about Bethel</p> <p>A list of ministries and leaders with their contact info was passed around. Rachel asked that the list be shared in the “share folder” so all could see. (This has been done) Betty is working to update w/ current information.</p> <p>John talked about Luther’s Table field trip on July 27th to Flight 93 Memorial</p>		

				Internship Committee to work with Vicar Lynette has been formed		
	Fellowship Team	No written report but time for conversation allotted.	Brian/Rene	Preparing for and launching small groups with an emphasis on new members. Pastor Dave providing a sorted list of names to better identify small group leaders and candidates based on geography, age, family dynamics, etc. Testimonials from people who have benefited from small groups could provide motivation for others to consider.		
	<b>New Business</b>					
	None					
	<b>Old Business</b>					
	Pride Worship		George			
	VBS	Written memo on success.	Pastor Heidi	Next year consider a theme that more clearly states it is Vacation Bible School		
	Bethel Website		Nina	Will go live first week in August		
	Solar Project	Email update from MVS received.		Phase 1 complete. Phase 2 will begin soon.		
	Shenandoah Montessori		Kim	See facility items but in good shape.		
	Youth fundraising		Rachel	Kona ice = \$161.00 Youth trip is fully funded.		
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>					
	Third Friday Trivia	July 19th 6PM				
	Service of the Word No Communion	July 21st				
	Camp Follow the Leader	July 22-26 8:30AM-1:00PM				

	Graduating Seniors Quilt Presentation Blessing of Drivers  Harvest Sunday	August 4th During worship  After worship				
	Lynette McSpadden Internship begins with reception after worship	August 11th				
	New Member Meeting /Class	Saturdays, August 17th & 24th				
	God's Work Our Hands <u>and</u> Congregational vote on RIC Welcome Statement	Sept 8th				
	OWLS presentation on the history of Bethel	Sometime in September at Adult Forum				