

Bethesda Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, January 31, 2016

Establishment of Quorum: Dave Beatty and Duane Suokkala – 64 members present

Call to Order: Sue Frank 10:09 AM

Devotions: Pastor Cheryl Fleckenstein

Approval of Agenda: add under Old Business – Memorial/Endowment Fund, new roof over women's washroom and disposal of organ update.

Under New Business – remove Energy Audit, Treasurer's Report should be Sue Frank not Chris Mitchell

Motion to approve the agenda with the above changes by Pat Durkee, second by Jean Johnson

Motion carried

Secretary's Report – Everyone was asked to read over the minutes, any corrections/issues please see JoAnn Gustafson. No motion necessary.

Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

There was an assessment of over \$18,000 for road work which we borrowed \$10,000 from the Memorial/Endowment fund at a meeting held in July. The remainder of the money was taken from the Hanson/Lawrence with the stipulation it be paid back. A motion was made at that meeting to pay back Memorial \$2,000 per year if we are in the black. If we are not in the black the monies will be paid back to the Hanson and Lawrence funds in 5 years. (See meeting minutes from Larry Beckstrom dated 10-26-15 passed out at the Annual Meeting)

Dave Beatty talked about the roof over the women's washroom. This project started the year before last when High Mark Construction gave a quote to repair the roof over the washroom. Dave Beatty made it clear that when the work was to commence they were to notify him. They came in and did the work in 2015 then, requested pay. We had to pay them \$5,100 for the new roof which was approved by the council in October of 2014. The ceiling tiles in the women's washroom will be fixed by March 5th per Duane.

Duane discussed the disposal of the organ. They could not find someone to purchase or store, so Duane stored at his house for 6 months at which time he needed his space back. He talked with council on the disposition of the organ console. It was decided to cut up and use for firewood as no one came forward with any other suggestions. A thank you goes out to Duane for the explanation and the honesty regarding the disposal of the organ.

NEW BUSINESS:

Duane talked about the electrical system upgrade. He has talked to Black Diamond Electrical and they advised it is hard to give a quote. The quick fix for this would be to find breakers. Black Diamond may be able to find some. If we need to do a panel upgrade, that is going to be expensive as we are not up

to code and we would have to move the boxes to a difference location. The project is a lot bigger than originally thought and once Duane has a price, he will bring to the congregation.

Approval of 2016 budget – Sue Frank pointed out that the budget this year has a deficit of \$413.42 versus last year of \$17,219.20. She also stated they went with the lowest proposed income. WELCA will be paying the phone bill so that was removed this year. One area we are saving money is the intern program. This is a savings of approx. \$20,000. If we end up in the black, the first \$2,000 will go to Endowment if we have more we will look at items that we cut out of the budget. Colleen Bernu discussed the fact we may need to add \$385.00 back in the budget for VBS as their budget is at zero. They could put out a plea to the congregation to help or they could see if the youth will take out of their savings. Per Reta Baxley, they do not have to worry about the money. WELCA is very involved with our youth and WELCA represents all women of the church. A motion was made by Debby Johnson to accept the monies from WELCA second by Beth Leeson – motion carried.

Background checks for anyone involved with our youth comes out of the Sunday school budget.

Dave Beatty made a motion to accept the budget second by Walt Anderson – motion carried.

Nominations – Larry Beckstrom made a motion to nominate Chris Mitchell to complete 2 years of a 3 year term for Endowment Fund Committee (Memorial Committee) second by Sharon Bragge – motion carried.

Paul Carpenter made a motion to nominate Jason Goad for Council – Jason accepted, motion second by Sharon Bragge – motion carried. Welcome Jason!

Motion was made by Larry Beckstrom second by Walt Anderson to approve the 2016 Election Ballot with above changes – motion carried.

Oral/written reports can be found in your annual report.

Page – 12 – Office Report – Pat Durkee talked about the membership update. When they have a questionable list, this will be presented to council to go over. They are not randomly removing parishioners from the list unless they know they are no longer at Bethesda.

Page 17 – Larry Beckstrom talked about the Endowment Fund. Larry stated they cannot go below \$62,000. At this time we have approximately \$40,000 to spend.

Page 21 – Worship Committee – Linda Newlon commented they can always use more members and always welcome new input.

The thank you portion was discussed at the Council meeting and felt it was so time consuming that we could individually thank the people every time we see them rather than just once per year.

The Council would like to thank everyone in the congregation for all your support during this difficult year. Also, thank you to Pastor Cheryl.

Closing prayer by Pastor Cheryl.

Next meeting will be Sunday, January 24, 2017.

Motion to adjourn by Walt Anderson second by Jason Goad – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM

Respectively submitted,

JoAnn Gustafson
Council Secretary