

The St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church Council met on Sunday, August 20, 2017 after worship.

Members present were: Pastor Thalacker, Jim Mixdorf, Jerry Mixdorf, Dennis Magee, Augusta Sires, Jim Fettkether, Joe Stafford, Jeff Seamans and Brandy Zuck. Member absent was Randy Wright.

Dennis Magee called the meeting to order. Pastor Thalacker opened with a prayer.

Dawn Best and Theresa Stafford attended to speak about Thrivent. No longer need permission from congregation to use Thrivent Choice Dollars. This money will be kept in a separate account that Treasurer will monitor. Up to Council's discretion regarding how to utilize funds with congregation's input. Current funds will be used towards windows.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Were not shared due to low attendance at July meeting, no business to review.

TREASURER'S REPORT: by Brandy Zuck. CKBK balance of \$17,245.22; Savings balance of \$19,707.37; Memorial Fund balance of \$4,125.98.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: by Jim Mixdorf. July offerings totaled \$8,681.00. Financial reports approved as read with 1<sup>st</sup> by: Jerry Mixdorf; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jeff Seamans. All aye, approved as read.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: by Dennis Magee. Thanks to all for their help with recent large projects.

PASTOR'S REPORT: by Pastor Thalacker. General updates provided.

DEACON'S REPORT: None

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: by Jerry Mixdorf. Thank you to Jim Clark for assistance putting caps on roof. Provided update on window installation.

FINANCE: None

CEMETERY: None

OTHER COMMITTEES: by Jeff Seamans. Shared website activity. Have been seeing up to 1,000 visitors each month since new website was made live.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Road Signs – by Dennis Magee. Council reviewed sign designs. Joe Stafford checking on permission to post signs. Council will review information from Joe and select vendor at September meeting before proceeding.
2. Opportunity for Giving – by Pastor Thalacker. Reviewed envelopes. Council provided feedback.
3. Cemetery Fence and Sign – by Jeff Seamans. Council discussed and approved the Clarks' proceeding with this project using money from the Memorial Fund. Approved with 1<sup>st</sup> by: Brandy Zuck; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jerry Mixdorf. All aye, approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next council meeting will be September 17, 2017, after worship.

Motion made to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> by: Jeff Seamans; 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Fettkether.

All stood and said The Lord's Prayer.

Augusta Sires, Council Secretary