

St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, December 16th, 2018 after worship

Present: Pastor Ericson, Jim Fettkether, Dennis Magee, Jerry Mixdorf, Jim Mixdorf, Jeff Seamans, Drew Speer, Kayla Stafford, Pastor Thalacker, Brandy Zuck

Absent: Joe Stafford

Meeting Called to Order by Dennis

1. **Opening Prayer** by Pastor T.
2. **Secretary's Minutes** by Kayla
 - a. **Approved** by Jerry, **second** by Jim F.
3. **Financial Report**
 - a. **Treasurer** by Brandy
 - i. **Checkbook balance:** \$6,761.11
 - ii. **Savings/memorial balance:** \$24,170.10
 - b. **Financial Secretary Report** by Jim M.
 - i. **General funds total:** \$84,473.36
 1. Dec. 9th: The loose funds (cash and change) from the Christmas Program's offering will be given to the Sunday School to donate for God's Global Barnyard
 2. Discussed yearly giving
 - a. **Approved** by Jeff, **second** by Jerry
4. **President's Report** by Dennis
 - a. Discussion on where to donate the budgeted Helping Hands funds:
 - i. Letter from Northeastern Iowa Synod to create flood buckets for communities- \$150
 - ii. SafeT Homes- \$150
 - iii. Jeff also discussed a displaced family from the California wildfires now in the Jesup community- \$500
 1. Motion made to utilize the remainder of the Helping Hands budget: **Approved** by Jeff, **second** by Jerry
5. **Pastor's Report** by Pastor T.
 - a. Schedule proposal and financial discussion
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Deacons**
 - i. Jeff replaced pads in the AED
 - b. **Trustees**
 - c. **Other Committees**
 - i. Budget Committee overview given by Brandy
 1. Discussion of proposed budget
 - a. **Approved** by Jerry, **second** by Jeff

7. Old Business

- a. Committee will have 3 positions at term limit: Deacon, Trustee, Financial Secretary

8. New Business

- a. Fall programming brought up by Pastor T.
 - i. Will further discuss this at the annual meeting
- b. Jerry- Dave Smith called and asked to give a Gideons presentation in February
 - i. Give 5 minutes to talk to the congregation

9. Announcements

Next council meeting will be the annual meeting on January 20th after worship

Motion made to adjourn by Jerry, second by Jeff

All stood and said The Lord's Prayer