

St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 17, 2019 after worship

Present: Jerry Mixdorf, Denise Pierce, Jeff Seamans, Drew Speer, Joe Stafford, Kayla Stafford, Brandy Zuck

Absent: Brenda Clark, Jim Fettkether

Meeting Called to Order by Jeff

1. Opening Prayer by Jeff

2. Secretary's Minutes by Kayla

a. **Approved** by Jerry, **second** by Drew

3. Financial Report

a. **Treasurer** by Brandy

i. **Checkbook balance at end of month:** \$22,302.34

ii. **Savings/memorial balance end of month:** \$19,360.05

1. **Approved** by Joe, **second** by Jerry

b. **Financial Secretary Report**

i. **General funds total of last month:** \$7,679.64

1. **Approved** by Denise, **second** by Drew

4. President's Report None

5. Committee Reports

a. **Trustees**

i. Need to fill cracks in parking lot come spring

b. **Call Committee**

i. Will schedule a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting to finalize the Congregational Mission Profile

ii. Pastor Blank still interested in serving our church. Meeting scheduled on December 3rd between Jeff, Drew, Pastor Brackett (Synod representative), Pastor Blank, and Trinity Church representatives to discuss sharing, compromises, etc.

c. **Budget Committee**

i. Brandy presented proposed 2020 budget

1. Increased organist pay on Christmas and Easter service to \$100

a. **Approved** by Joe, **second** by Drew

6. Old Business

a. Kids' Christmas program will be on Christmas Eve

7. New Business

a. Fill cracks in parking lot (Spring)

b. Snow removal

i. Joe and Jim will plan to do throughout winter

ii. Joe will check on salt and sander option

- c. AED
 - i. Jeff looking into pricing to buy new
 - ii. Will look into holding a class to inform and educate - AED and CPR options
- d. New computer
 - i. Checking with Bobbi on options but may wait to see what occurs with Pastor search
- e. Memorial money
 - i. Brainstorm need and options for giving
- f. Giving envelopes
 - i. List the two Educational Funds and Bremwood
 - ii. Other options to list include Option/Other, God's Global Barnyard, SafeTHome
 - 1. Brandy checking to see where we are on our goal for the SafeTHome
- g. Christmas Bags
 - i. Put together the Sunday before Christmas (Dec. 22) after church
- h. Voted to decide if we would like to donate to the H. George Anderson Fund which provides scholarships for seminarians for the Northeast Iowa Synod ELCA
 - i. Joe motioned to give \$250, Jerry seconded, all agreed

8. Announcements

Next council meeting will be December 15th after worship

Motion made to adjourn by Denise, second by Joe

All stood and said The Lord's Prayer