

St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2019 after worship

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

Absent: Brenda Clark, Joe Stafford

Meeting Called to Order by Jeff

1. Opening Prayer by Jeff

2. Secretary's Minutes by Kayla

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

3. Financial Report

a. **Treasurer** by Brandy

i. **Checkbook balance (end of month):** \$25,414.25

ii. **Savings/memorial balance (end of month):** \$24,374.69

b. **Financial Secretary Report**

i. **General funds total of last month:** \$12,395.28

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

4. President's Report by Jeff

a. Baptisms

i. Any opposition to arranging a private baptism for Amy Morley's granddaughter next Sunday?

1. Jeff will find out what is customary and move forward accordingly

ii. Information/opposition on nonmembers having child baptised here

1. Willing to do so but would prefer to when a pastor is here

2. Will get more information on this

5. Committee Reports

a. **Trustees**

i. Snow removal: Joe Stafford, Chris Hesse, Cory Best, and Jim Clark will work together for removal and salting

ii. General maintenance done by Joe and trustees:

1. Fixed a furnace

a. Primrose said everything tested fine

2. Put the wheels on pictorial boards

3. Attached drinking fountain back to the wall

iii. Looking into current height of toilets and assessing if we need to update

iv. Sound system:

1. Maximum Sight & Sound provided bid (~\$11,000)

2. Jeff will reach out and ask West Music for a bid

b. **Call Committee**

i. Meeting next Sunday to finalize the Congregational Mission Profile

- ii. Financials for a Pastor are being determined
 - 1. Motion to make adjustment to amend budget to cover the salary/finances needed to contract a part-time pastor
 - a. First by Jerry, second by Drew
 - 2. Agreement for contracted shared pastoral ministry
 - a. Contract with Pastor Blank would start the first Sunday in February and try the contract for 6 months. We could extend another 6 months. Then the plan would be to do yearly contracts should we all agree.
 - b. Many steps of approval to go through and the plan is to bring the contract to the congregation at the annual meeting in January
 - c. Motion to approve the tentative contract to send for senate review
 - i. 10:15am church start time
 - ii. Amendments/checks prior to submitting
 - 1. Mention of confirmation classes
 - 2. How will payments being made (to Trinity, directly to him, etc.)?
 - iii. First by Brandy, second by Drew
 - d. Would appreciate an opportunity for our congregation to meet Pastor Blank
 - i. Preach on December 29th,
 - ii. Enjoy fellowship, or
 - iii. See if there is an invitation for our congregation to attend a service at Trinity Lutheran

6. Old Business

- a. AED: Cost ~\$1,900
 - i. Move forward with updating and purchasing
- b. Confirmed memorial money will go towards the sound system
- c. Giving envelopes

7. New Business

- a. Fill cracks in parking lot (Spring)
- b. Helping hands: \$1,110 remaining
 - i. Jeff proposed \$1,500 donation to Retrieving Freedom
 - 1. All agreed
- c. Council seats open for next term (to be voted on at the annual meeting in January 2020):
 - i. Treasurer, Trustee, Deacon
 - 1. Brandy, Jerry, Jim
 - ii. Brandy will have positions posted in bulletin

8. Announcements

Next council meeting will be January 19 after worship
 Motion made to adjourn by Jim, second by Jerry
 All stood and said The Lord's Prayer