

St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, June 28, 2020 after worship

Present: Pastor Blank, Jim Fettkether, Denise Pierce, Jeff Seamans, Drew Speer, Kayla Stafford, Brandy Zuck

Absent: Brenda Clark, Joe Stafford, Willie Wolfe

Meeting Called to Order by Drew

1. Prayer by Pastor

2. President's Report by Drew

- a. Deanne Kuenstling asked to borrow the cross (donated in memory of Kenny's dad) to be used at Keith and Sarah's wedding on August 1st
- b. Blake Fisher, church neighbor, has been in contact with our internet service provider. If we allowed a repeater on the top of our steeple for neighbors to get internet connection, we would then be allotted the highest speed for the lowest price in exchange.
 - i. Motion made by council to move forward with looking into this option
- c. Surveyed congregation members
 - i. Majority of people are wanting to come back to church with some precautions
- d. To be good shepherds, Pastor Blank recommended to stay closed through July due to numbers rising in the county
 - i. Alternative would be a parking lot service (Could use a FM transmitter)
 1. Jeff and Bobbi will look into potential FM transmitter options
 - ii. Drive-by blessing
 - iii. Once-a-month evening or early morning service
- e. At this time, planning to open August 2nd with further discussions to come

3. New Business

- a. Brandy will renew the copyright form for hymnal use (for bulletins, online music use, etc.)
- b. Applied and received \$19,000 to be used for recovery of losses during COVID
 - i. Will work with Trinity to determine how to move forward with this
- c. Updates:
 - i. Neal and Nicole Miller had a baby girl, Melanie Catherine Miller (born June 18th)
 - ii. Beth and TJ Anderson are wanting to baptise their daughter, Kenadee Lynn Anderson (born April 3rd)
- d. Reminder Pastor's contract is up in August
- e. Donations and shirt orders are being taken for Betsy McDougall and the Alzheimer's Association, information available online and through Bobbi

4. Announcements

Next council meeting will be Sunday, July 19th at 10:15am

Motion made to adjourn by Jeff, Jim

All stood and said The Lord's Prayer