

St John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday May 16, 2021, after worship

Present: Denise Pierce, Jeff Seamans, Jerry Mixdorf, Willie Wolff, Dan Salisbury, Deanne Kuenstling

Absent: Brenda Clark, Joe Stafford, Brandy Zuck

Meeting called to order by Denise

1. Opening prayer by Jeff
2. Secretary's minutes by Deanne.
 - a. Approved by Jeff, second by Jerry.
3. Financial Report by Denise
 - a. Treasurer by Denise
 - i. Check book balance 4/30/21: \$31,719.60
 - ii. Savings/memorial balance 4/30/21: \$24,481.21
 - b. Financial Secretary Report by Denise
 - i. General funds total of last month: \$8,811.60
 - ii. General memorial fund totals include: \$120 May Mixdorf, \$225 Arnold Averhoff, \$25 Phyllis Mixdorf

1. Approved by Dan, second by Willie

4. Presidents Report by Denise and Old Business:
 - a. Dan reported on Vanco service for online giving. Jeff will do more research on this. There was discussion to have a trial in June with a few people.
 - b. Battle for Betsy on June 6: The golf outing is full. There are 50 silent auction items along with raffle items. The Alzheimer's walk begins at 4:30. They have already raised over \$20,000.
 - c. Blacktop. Dan will ask Joe about the progress of this project.
 - d. Camcorder with a tripod was purchased by Jessica. They still need a cam link. Approved the purchase of the cam link by Jeff, second by Jerry.
 - e. LYO involvement with weekly zoom meetings: Colin will help next weekend. There are only 1-2 people on zoom. There are some utilizing the facebook page. The goal is to have LYO help with zoom in the fall, whoever is doing fellowship will be asked to do both.
 - f. June 6 Trinity will meet to determine if they are going to be open or not. Pastor Brackett and Denise spoke. If they are not going to be viable, we are not interested in a contract with them.
 - g. Congregational outreach: Teresa Stafford, Marie Hruska, Bob and Joyce Hansen are staying in touch with 5 members monthly.
 - h. 145th Anniversary Celebration for the church. There will be a congregational meal- Kevin Kuenstling has access to a big cooker. There was discussion on grilling pork

loins. Sunday school will be back with Rally Day, the first Sunday after Labor Day, we will return to regular communion and offering at that time. No other plans were decided at this time.

5. New Business

- a. Willie mentioned taking Pastor Blank's name off the outdoor sign. He will take care of this.
- b. Bethany Anderson will be the Sunday School Superintendent.
- c. Utilization of Helping Hands for Pastor Blank's healthcare costs. \$500 to be donated, Approved by dan, second by Jerry.
- d. Worship time change, July and August: 9AM. Denise has secured pastors for this time period, except July 4. We will continue to zoom.
- e. Semi Annual meeting: July 25.
- f. Jerry to ask Brenda to put "offering and offertory song" back into the bulletin.
- g. Masks: New CDC guidelines: If you have had the vaccine, masks are not required. If you have not had the vaccine, masks are still required. Life center use for weddings and funerals is back to normal, using CDC protocol. Approved by Jeff, second by Dan.

Announcements

- a. Next council meeting will be June 20.
- b. Call committee and council to meet June 3 at 7pm. There is a profile online. Deanne to check into the website with Kayla.
- c. Motion to adjourn by Jeff, second Jerry.
- d. All stood and said the Lord's Prayer.