

# St. John's Bennington Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Sunday, July 28, 2019 after worship

**Meeting Called to Order** by Jeff Seamans

1. **Opening Prayer** by Pastor T.
2. **Secretary's Minutes** by Kayla Stafford
  - a. **Approved** by Jerry Mixdorf, **second** by Nancy Happel
3. **Financial Report**
  - a. **Treasurer & Financial Secretary Report** by Brandy Zuck
    - i. **Checkbook balance:** Beginning of year \$12,017.47 to end of June \$17,243.22
    - ii. **Savings/memorial balance:** Beginning of year \$24,191.04 to end of June \$19,293.65
    - iii. **General funds total: \$55,880.59**
      1. **Approved** by Gary Mixdorf, **second** by Dave Lee
4. **Pastor's Report** by Pastor T.
  - a. Sincere gratitude shared for the last 16 years, especially to Marilyn & Pastor Ericson
5. **President's Report** by Jeff Seamans
  - a. Thank you to the pastors, call committee, and council
6. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **Financial Committee**
    - i. Gary provided the total of all funds: \$361,855 (Noted most funds are designated)
  - b. **WELCA**
    - i. Pastors appreciation lunch on August 18th after service will include food and fun (RSVP)
7. **Old Business**
  - a. Call Committee Update led by Jeff:
    - i. Met with Crane Creek (south of Tripoli) to discuss collaboration between churches
    - ii. Interview on July 29th with the potential interim call Pastor (currently at Our Savior)
      1. Would share with Crane Creek through May 2021
      2. Crane Creek would hold the contract
      3. Financials and time would be 50/50 between the two churches
      4. Changes would be made (service times, sharing services, etc.), but nothing set
      5. Quarterly council meetings with both churches
      6. Does not need housing; however, we will have to look into financial obligations
      7. Process moving quickly-- After interview, will likely call congregational meeting
8. **New Business** - None

### 9. **Announcements**

Next council meeting will be Sunday, August 18th after worship  
Motion made to adjourn by Gary Mixdorf, second by Dave Lee  
All stood and said The Lord's Prayer