

St John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Denise Pierce, Jeff and Bobbi Seamans, Dan Salisbury, Deanne Kuenstling, Bethany Anderson, Doris and Jim Madden, Joe Stafford, Chuck and Jane Happel, Brandy and Trent Zuck, Elijah Zuck, Dennis Magee, MaryJane Averhoff, Cassie Sage, Nancy Happel, Joyce and Bob Hansen, Willy Wolff, Gayle Wolff, Dawn Best, Jessica Huntley, Brenda Volker, Jim and Kathy Mixdorf, Julie and Marshall Mixdorf, Josh and Hannah Mixdorf, Daniel Kuhlman, Linda Hudgins, Delores Joens, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wissink, Gary and Cindy Mixdorf, Mary Ann Miller, Kim Ala, Jan Fuelling. Virtual: Kayla Bedard

Date: Sunday August 15, 2021, After worship

Meeting called to order by Denise Pierce.

Opening prayer by Pastor Brackett who then read the letter of call for a ½ time position for Rev. Beth Olson.

Biography of Pastor Beth Olson read by Denise Pierce.

Motion to call Pastor Beth Olson by Dawn Best, second by Jerry Mixdorf.

The congregation then voted on written ballots, regarding calling Pastor Beth Olson, needing a 2/3 majority to pass.

A. Results: 41 Yes and 0 No.

Compensation package with a total of \$52,236.42 read by Denise Pierce

Provisions were discussed:

- A. Request to begin using the cranberry hymnals. This would provide for new liturgies and songs. (Bob Hansen asked about green hymnals being given back to the people who donated them.)
- B. Explore Wednesday education program.
- C. Pastor Beth would have 1 Sunday off per month, along with 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks for continuing education.
- D. Motion to accept the compensation package by Jeff Seamans, second by Brandy Zuck.
 - a. The congregation voted on written ballots, regarding the compensation package.
Results: 36 yes and 1 no
- E. She will likely start the beginning of October.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Brackett.

Motion to adjourn by Jessica Huntley, second by Willy Wolff.

