

St John's Bennington Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday July18, 2021, After worship

Present: Denise Pierce, Jeff Seamans, Jerry Mixdorf, Willie Wolff, Dan Salisbury, Brandy Zuck

Absent: Brenda Clark, Deanne Kuentling, Joe Stafford

Meeting called to order by Denise

1. Opening prayer by Denise.
2. Secretary's minutes by Denise Pierce
 - a. Approved by Jeff, second by Brandy.
3. Financial Reports:
 - a. Treasurer Report by Brandy
 - i. Check book balance 6/30/21: \$40,709.97
 - ii. Savings/memorial balance 6/30/21: \$24,488.46
 - b. Financial Secretary Report by Denise
 1. Approved by Jerry, second by Dan
4. Deacons Report

Jeff Reports that the profile is done and should be given to all council members and possibly the call committee. The previous one, done two years ago, had not been submitted. The current revised profile was now submitted. Lynn Stout is our reference for this. Denise will forward an email to Jeff regarding what still needs to be done for this profile.
5. Trustees Report

Joe had informed Jeff that they will come back this fall to complete more work on the blacktop.
6. Old Business
 - a. Jeff reported on Vanco service for online giving. (vancopayments.com). There is no monthly fee since we signed up in June. When the offering is given, over 1.5% can go to Vanco to cover the expense. This interfaces with Shephard Staff. Jeff donated through this to trial it. The ELCA has a contract with Vanco.
 - b. A different camcorder was purchased by Jessica, but there is a microphone that picks up extra conversations. It is working well.
 - c. We did meet with a strong candidate for a part-time Pastor last Monday. It was a very good meeting. The synod provided a compensation package that is negotiable, for a half time position to include 10% retirement. We are still partnering with Trinity through that time. Trinity's physical building is deteriorating. Henry from Our Savior Church had also inquired about sharing Pastors. Denise will reach out to this candidate and set up another meeting to go over expectations and compensation.

- d. 140th Anniversary Celebration for the church. There was discussion that WELCA supports grilling pork loins for sandwiches. Dan S will purchase and cook the meat. Jeff S will buy the party potatoes. There will be a type of spring salad and serving groups will likely provide desserts. There will be an RSVP. Serving will be around 11:30-12:30-including outdoor games, possible spinning chair.
- e. Semi Annual meeting: July 25 after church.
- f. Congregational outreach: It is going well.

7. New Business

- a. We do plan to start donuts and fellowship, passing the offering tray, after Rally Sunday.
- b. Dawn Best inquired about Thrivent dollars-\$407 from 2020 and \$597 from 2021. Dawn suggests using these funds for liquid alter candles. The council suggests, after purchasing the candles, to donate to any churches adversely affected by the recent tornado, along with using helping hands fund. Approved by Brandi, second by Jerry.
- c. One of the supply Pastors indicated we need to get a long mirror on the back of Pastor's office door.

Announcements

- a. Next council meeting will be August 15.
- b. Motion to adjourn by Jerry, second by Dan.
- c. All stood and said the Lord's Prayer.