

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Minutes

## February 18, 2020

<b>Title</b>	Council Meeting			<b>President</b>	Dave Hageman	
<b>Purpose</b>	Monthly Business			<b>Secretary</b>	Bob Ihrig	
<b>Date</b>	February 18, 2020		<b>Time</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>Location</b>	Grounds for Joy
<b>Meeting Time</b>	Start	Stop	Total Time			Council Members & Guests
	7:00 pm	7:58 pm	1 hr,58 min			
<b>Council Members</b>				<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Position</b>
1.	Dave Hageman			X		President
2.	Wendy Keenan			X		President-Elect
3.	James Arentsdon				X	Vice President
4.	Bob Ihrig	2018-2021		X		Secretary
5.	Diana Olson	2018-2021		X		Treasurer
6.	Marie Slotemaker	2017-2020		X		Member at Large
7.	Derek Brown	2018-2021			X	Member at Large
8.	Jessica Auel	2019-2022		X		Member at Large
9.	Pastor Jay Dahlvang			X		Lead Pastor
10.	Pastor Collette Broady Grund			X		Associate Pastor
<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>					<b>PRESENTER</b>
7:00 p.m.	<b>1. Devotions</b>					Marie Slotemaker
	<b>2. Additions to &amp; Approval of the Agenda</b> <u>Motion</u> by B. Ihrig; Second by J. Auel to approve agenda. Approved.					Dave Hageman
	<b>3. Secretary's Report</b> Approval of January 21, 2020 Minutes <u>Motion</u> by B. Ihrig; Second by D. Olson to approve minutes. Approved.					Bob Ihrig
	<b>4. Financial Report</b> A. <u>General Fund</u> : January 31 deficit of -\$9,199 due to large bills for insurance premiums, snow removal, heating costs. General Fund offerings at 80% level (\$7,743 below budget) B. <u>Mortgage</u> : \$1,268,982 balance C. <u>Mission Investment Fund Balance</u> : \$122,438 (used for monthly mortgage payments of \$8,187)					Diana Olson
	<b>5. Lead Pastor's Report</b> A. <u>Tanzania Trip</u> : Positive experience for all involved. Excellent adult forum attendance on 2/16 to review trip. Detailed report provided to synod and BLC Community & Global Committee. B. <u>New Strategic Plan</u> : Process started to identify members of task force for new 5-year plan. Work will start in June on plan. C. <u>Lent</u> : Wednesday services will focus on spiritual practices. D. <u>Synod</u> : Minnesota River conference meeting rescheduled to 2/23. Will attend with B. Ihrig at Our Savior's in Cleveland. E. <u>ARRP Tax Services</u> : Partnership with AARP going well. Grounds for Joy is excellent location. Individual donations of \$500+ received from clients. F. <u>Bishop Hassanally</u> : SE MN synod bishop to preach at both services and share at adult forum on 2/23. G. <u>Public Safety Workshop</u> : Mankato public safety department will host awareness workshop on 3/8. 4 BLC members will attend. H. <u>Pastoral Care &amp; Acts</u> : Involved with 25 care ministry visits & 2 memorial services since last report.					Pastor Jay Dahlvang
	<b>6. Associate Pastor's Report</b> A. <u>Family Faith Formation</u> : 2 FFF events in February with positive response and interaction from families. Additional event planned for 2/21.					Pastor Collette Broady Grund

	<p>B. <u>Lent &amp; Palm Sunday</u>: New Lent activities planned for families. Confirmation students to work with mentors on service focus. Youth-led service planned for Palm Sunday.</p> <p>C. <u>Connections Ministry</u>: Major changes planned for next year including lease for new shelter site, addition of new staff and development of worshipping community connected to shelter.</p> <p>D. <u>Pastoral Care</u>: Officiated 4 member funerals and made several pastoral care visits. Thankful for congregation support.</p>	
	<p><b>7. Old Business</b></p> <p>A. <u>Strategic Plan Update</u>: Council asked for names of 8 BLC members to serve on task force to plan new 5-year plan. Planning process to start in June.</p> <p>B. <u>2018-19 Financial Review Update</u>: Review rescheduled to March 7 at 8 am involving W. Keenan, F. Larsen, M. Larsen &amp; E. Ruiz.</p> <p>C. <u>Financial Review Committee Member Appointment (2020-2023)</u>: <b>Motion</b> by B. Ihrig; Second by M. Slotemaker to approve Mark Larsen as committee member. Approved.</p> <p>D. <u>Fat Tuesday Council Silent Auction Basket Update</u>: Basket and contents acquired and organized for submission to office.</p> <p>E. <u>2020 Synod Assembly Delegates: May 15-16, Rochester</u> <b>Motion</b> by D. Olson; Second by W. Keenan to select Emily Heinis, Bob Ihrig and Marian Mallory as BLC delegates. Approved.</p>	<p>Pr. Jay Dahlvang</p> <p>Wendy Keenan</p> <p>Dave Hageman</p> <p>Wendy Keenan</p> <p>Bob Ihrig</p>
	<p><b>8. New Business</b></p> <p>A. <u>Estate Gift Designation – Dream List</u>: Discussion held on use of \$15,750 undesignated estate gift. Possible uses include the organ repair, upgrading of sanctuary and Heritage Room technology and general fund financial cushion. More information will be collected with decision to be made at March meeting.</p> <p>B. <u>Active Aging Class Use of Heritage Room</u>: BLC approached about use of Heritage Room for senior Stay Active &amp; Independent for Life (SAIL) class twice a week in mornings. To be open free of charge to all senior community members. More conversation to be held by B. Ihrig and E. Heinis with Active Aging Program to determine viability of Heritage Room location, custodial needs, application of BLC facility use policy and asking for voluntary donations. Discussion also to be held with K. Liebl. Idea of entering into a 3-month agreement discussed. Decision tabled to 3/17 meeting.</p> <p>C. <u>Nominating Committee Update</u>: Nominating process started for 2020-21 Council &amp; boards/committee membership with chairs informed of 30+ positions open for election/reelection at April 19 semi-annual meeting. Council vice-president and a member at large to be elected. Council members encouraged to submit names to be considered for these 2 positions to be contacted by B. Ihrig as chair of Nominating Committee. Update to be provided at 3/17 meeting.</p>	<p>Bob Ihrig</p> <p>Bob Ihrig</p> <p>Bob Ihrig</p>
	<p><b>9. Next Council Meeting: March 17, 2020 7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Devotions: Derek Brown</b></p>	
	<p><b>10. Adjournment</b>  <b>Motion</b> by D. Olson; Second by W. Keenan to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Approved.</p>	

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