

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Minutes

September 20, 2022

Title	Council Meeting			President	Mary Bliesmer	
Purpose	Monthly Business			Secretary	Bob Ihrig	
Date	September 20, 2022		Time	7:00 p.m.	Location	Grounds for Joy
Meeting Time	Start	Stop	Total Time			Council Members & Guests
	7:00 pm	8:31 pm	1 hr-31 min			
Council Members – Terms of Office				Present	Absent	Position
1.	Mary Bliesmer	2022-2023		X		President
2.	Jason Bruns	2022-2023		X		President-Elect
3.	Marie Slotemaker	2022-2023			X	Vice President
4.	Bob Ihrig	2021-2024		X		Secretary
5.	Jeremy Carter	2021-2024		X		Treasurer
6.	Aaron Geringer	2020-2023		X		Member at Large
7.	Matt Drewitz	2021-2024		X		Member at Large
8.	Jessica Auel	2022-2025			X	Member at Large
9.	Pastor Jay Dahlvang			X		Lead Pastor
10.	Pastor Jacie Richmond					Associate Pastor
TIME	TOPIC					PRESENTER
7:00 p.m.	1. Devotions					Bob Ihrig
	2. Additions to & Approval of the Agenda Printed agenda approved with flexibility.					Mary Bliesmer
	3. Secretary's Report August 16, 2022 Minutes Motion by B. Ihrig; Second by J. Bruns to approve minutes. Approved.					Bob Ihrig
	4. Financial Report August 31, 2022 Report A. <u>General Fund</u> : Deficit increased to -\$39,834.95 compared to July deficit of -\$28,459.21. Discussion of underlying reasons & how to address this with membership. B. <u>Quarterly Financial Statements</u> : To be mailed in effort to inform members of their giving with hopes that they will catch up where needed. C. <u>Year-To-Date Giving</u> : 83% of planned giving. D. <u>Mission Investment Fund Giving</u> : Contributions made have extended available mortgage funding to 15.32 months to 11/23/23 E. <u>Mortgage Balance</u> : \$1,029,555 as of end of August.					Jeremy Carter
	5. Lead Pastor's Report A. <u>Pr. Jacie Richmond Update</u> : Scheduled to start 10/23 with installation planned for 12/4. J. Contreras asked to assist Pr. Jacie with move to Mankato. B. <u>Financial Deficit</u> : Concerned about increasing monthly deficit. Addressed by Finance Committee. Plan to mail quarterly giving statements to members with hopes that they will remind them of pledges & actual giving. C. <u>Capital Campaign</u> : Preparation has been excellent. Campaign to start officially on 9/25. High enthusiasm shown by members. Reminder to attend 10/23 congregational dinner. D. <u>Endowment</u> : Board is developing investing strategy to increase revenues. BLC member David Morgan authorized to manage fund. Adult Forum scheduled on 11/6 to update congregation. E. <u>Strategic Plan</u> : Goals & background information posted on BLC website. Continued work on support objectives for goals. F. <u>Fall Small Groups</u> : Many groups have started up this fall with positive participation.					Pastor Jay Dahlvang

