BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

October 11, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Alan Miller, Sue Cottrill, Darlene Laubenstein, Penny Humphrey, Willie Crespo, Eunice Cobb The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

OPENING DEVOTION: Alan gave the devotion on Your Part and God’s Part based on Genesis 12:1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Willie seconded. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Eunice reviewed the financial data attached. There was a typo and operating expense should have been listed at $220586.70

PASTOR’S REPORT:

Report attached.

Pastor continues to meet with persons looking toward confirmation. He has done a private baptism. He also continues his work at Country Club Care and Warrensburg Christian School.

Pastor and Willie will be attending the Circuit Forum

ELDER’S REPORT: No Report

The Elders are looking toward planning for next year. After the first of the year they will be seeking candidates for the Congregational Life position.

EDUCATION/YOUTH: Report attached

Possible date for the Children’s Christmas program is 12/18/2021 during the regular service. There will be a Children’s celebration after service in the fellowship hall.

The children will resume singing on the second Sunday of each month.

Youth group is trying to reorganize after summer, but attendance has been low.

STEWARDSHIP: No Report

EVANGELISM:

2 parade opportunities coming up—UCM Homecoming on 10/15 and the Warrensburg Christmas parade on 12/2/2022. We will be participating

FELLOWSHIP: No Report

The committee has been working on plans for a lunch for the Congregational Meeting on 11/13/2022. They are also planning the Crazy Christmas Dinner, the Children’s Christmas Party and possibly Halloween goody bags.

MISSIONS:

Rice and Beans have been delivered to Migrant Farm Workers in Lexington. We will be doing a servant project with Orphan Grain Train on 11/5/2022

Will be filling Christmas Stockings for our Care Companions

TRUSTEES:

Some camera issues in back are being investigated. A water softener is being purchased and installed from Lowes. Refrigerator and Freezer also coming in the next couple of weeks. Kevin is looking into bids for a digital sign for the front. The base of the current sign will have to remain in place for us to remain grandfathered. The elevator had a 5 year inspection and passed. Ben has been winterizing watering equipment for garden.

A bid proposal was received from Dugan glass in Sedalia regarding the east 2nd floor window that has the moisture trapped between the glass. They gave us a price of $1690.95 to replace the entire window with low E glass.

Darlene made a motion and Penny seconded to accept Dugans bid and have the window replaced. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Bonnie is working on the west entrance railing etc….

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Planning is on hold for a possible building expansion in the future. The current economic situation does not bode well at the present time. The Building Expansion fund continues to grow

MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

There is a $600.00 short fall to cover remaining 2022 service musician renumeration. Rich made the motion to transfer $600.00 from 520.51 choir fund to 520.50 musicians salary fund. There would be no financial impact of this move. Darlene seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Previously discussed

NEW BUSINESS:

The annual congregational meeting will be November 13, 2022. Alan would like to see a hybrid meeting where some families could be on Zoom

The fellowship board would furnish light snacks (granola bars and water) to tide persons over until they could have their lunch.

Board reports need to be sent to Cindy by 11/4/2022 so she can get them ready for the annual meeting.

11/28 will be the hanging of the greens.

Darlene announced that 4 new banners were purchased with Memorial Funds

CALENDARS: Check your information on the calendars and let Cindy know if changes need to be made.

CLOSING:

Willie closed with prayer and the group closed with The Lord’s Prayer

The next council meeting will be November 8,2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cottrill