Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

February 14, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Jeremy Van Wey, Sue Cottrill, Pastor Joel, Penny Humphrey, Darlene Laubenstein, Ben Smith, Ellen Pederson, Willie Crespo

President Jeremy Van Wey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

OPENING DEVOTION:

Pastor shared a message from Saints and Angels All Around about St. Valentine.

MINUTES: The January minutes were reviewed and Darlene made a motion to accept as written. Penny seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jeremy briefly reviewed the financial data We need to watch the data on decreased giving as we had another month of decreased giving.

PASTOR: report attached. Additional information was given

Pastor proposed another distribution from the Social Ministry of Missions fund 320.21

$1000.00 each to Manna Harvest and Let there Be Light International

$8000.00 to Lutheran World Relief for Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief

Willie made a motion to accept this distribution as we have the blessing of the donor. Ellen seconded the motion. There was no discussion, motion passed.

STEWARDSHIP: no report

EDUCATION: report attached.

There will be a change in VBS this summer. It will be held on a Friday evening, 6 hours on Saturday, and a Sunday morning program with a celebration after service

EVANGELISM: No report

FELLOWSHIP: Report attached

MISSIONS: Report attached

TRUSTEES:

To complete the roof replacement and repair the Congregation owes $16,469.27. Teresa suggests taking $16,500.00 from savings and add to 570.01 Building repairs. Then Apple Roofing would be paid from that budget line. Darlene made a motion to accept Teresa’s suggestion and Willie seconded.

There were 2 bids for the steeple repair, however the council still felt more information was needed. Pastor will coordinate a meeting with Roy Schache, Mr. Murrell, and Trustees to further discuss the repairs and bids.

The Trustees are currently getting bids for a storage unit.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: No Report

MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Report attached

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeremy reminded boards about setting goals for 2023

Community Organizations Active in Disasters held their first meeting with a good attendance. Another meeting will be held on March 7 at the Johnson County Emergency Management facility on South business 13 Hwy. It will be at 2 p.m. and include some training and further information.

Delegates to the District convention are Pastor and Alan Miller

Willie is the circuit lay delegate to the Synodical convention 7/27-8/3

We chose not to nominate for the officers

TELL THE NEXT GENERATION;

Training will be held in St. Charles

NEW BUSINESS:

The roof repair and steeple bids were already addressed.

CALENDARS:

Be sure to check the calendars and let Cindy know if there are changes.

MARCH MEETING:

The March meeting will be 03/14/2023

CLOSING PRAYER: was led by Jeremy

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cottrill