Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council

April 11, 2023

ATTENDANCE: Sue Cottrill, Pastor Ricky, Penny Humphrey, Darlene Laubenstein, Jeremy VanWey, Alan Miller, Ben Smith, Rich V., Jeremiah M., Jeff Florida

Alan Miller called the meeting to order Jeremy will join in a little while as he was toned for a fire.

OPENING DEVOTION: Pastor Ricky shared insight on Philippians 3:12. We continue to press on as Christians to take hold. Keep on pressing on to win the prize God has called us to heaven for.

MINUTES: The March minutes were reviewed and no additions or corrections were noted. Darlene made a motion to accept, Penny seconded the motion and the motion passed.

April Minutes were reviewed. Darlene moved to accept and Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jeff briefly reviewed the financial data The steeple repair has been paid. There was a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report by Ben and seconded by Jeremiah. The motion passed

PASTOR no report as Pastor is on vacation

ELDERS: The Elders have received one application for the CLF position.

STEWARDSHIP: no report

EDUCATION: The Sunday school curriculum will begin to follow the church year in a 3 yr. cycle so the readings will be the same.

Planning is underway for VBS. Volunteers will be needed.

Family Sunday School is being discussed for summer.

EVANGELISM: No report

FELLOWSHIP: The fellowship group met briefly. They have no major events in the near future and are looking forward toward the church picnic.

MISSIONS: Report attached

TRUSTEES: Report attached.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Report attached

MUSIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Report attached

OLD BUSINESS:

Jeremy announced that the Boy Scout group will no longer be meeting at the church due to continued issues.

Jeff brought forward to the Council the suggestion of investing some of the funds that are sitting in various institutions in order to make use of the ability to earn some extra interest.

The suggestion was made to take $400,000.00 from the Building Expansion fund and $100,000.00 from the US Bank Checking account and invest them in CD’s.

Darlene made the motion to invest $400,000.00 from the Building Expansion fund in a CD up to 1 year at the highest rate we can get. Likewise, to take $100,000.00 from the US Bank checking account and invest it in a short term CD (up to 1 yr.) at the highest rate we can get

These would be 2 separate CD’s

Alan seconded the motion and after further discussion the motion passed. Jeff, Teresa and Stewardship will make this happen.

NEW BUSINESS: Ben needs to know the planting schedule and lay out in order to plan irrigation for the gardens. Ben will check with Shawn.

CALENDARS:

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

JUNE MEETING:

The June meeting will be June 13, 2023

CLOSING PRAYER: was led by Pastor Ricky

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Cottrill