

Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Gary Oberton, Maggie Petersen, Elizabeth Oberton, Pastor Carl Larson, Norb Bueckers, and Brad Hansen

Pastor's report: On May 19th Emily Oberton and Wyatt Petersen will be confirmed, and 5 kids will have their first communion. Norb mentioned it would be nice to have the names in the bulletin. Someone will talk with Wendy about ordering a cake for fellowship afterwards.

Review and Acceptance of March Minutes: We amended the March minutes to say that the Saturday outdoor worship services this summer on June 8 and Aug. 17 will have BBQ supper before the service, not afterwards (5:00 BBQ, 6:00 service). Gary made a motion to accept the amended minutes, seconded by Brad, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: None this month, Lynn will prepare the 1Q2024 Financials for review at the May meeting.

Old Business

Fall dinner discussion: Norb met with a group together after church on Sunday to meet and start planning a fall dinner. September 28 is a possible date. A meal that was talked about was possibly ham, au gratin potatoes, veggies, and bars.

New Business

Lawn care rate increase: There has been a lawn care rate increase for the 2024 season. It takes about 2 hours for Chris Chc. Lawn Service to care for the lawn and he is currently only charging \$75 per cut. He is willing to charge \$125 per cut which is still lower than what he's charging others. We decided that the lawn service has been great in the past and he is very reliable so we are going to continue with the service. Gary made a motion to accept the charge, seconded by Brad, motion carried.

Instruments: We talked about the kid's musical instruments and are thinking about ways to make it work better for everybody.

Prairie grass/wild flowers: Gary asked about looking into planting some prairie grass/flowers by solar arrays. He's going to bring more information at the next council meeting.

Communion cups: People that are in charge of doing communion can choose between using plastic cups or glass cups.

Maggie made a motion to end the meeting, seconded by Gary, motion carried.

We adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 6:21pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Minutes were approved by email.