

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, November 19, 2023
Minutes**

Our Mission: To proclaim, celebrate, and share the love of Christ with our neighbors through an accepting, caring community.

M/S/P = Moved/Seconded/Passed

Meeting called to order at 12:57 pm

Roll: Karen Carroll, Wendal Wettland, Jeff Molitor, Paul Larmore, Keith Cottrill, Heidi Fish, Sue Rasmussen (Treasurer non-voting)

Guests: Joy Halladay (member observer), Jonathan Evans (member facilitator)

Jeff presented a draft letter to the congregation that covers year-end giving and the budgeting process.

SEE ATTACHED

Devotions – Jeff

Approve Minutes from 10-15-2023 M/S/P

Treasurer Report – Sue Rasmussen

- **nothing to report (see finance committee report)**

Pastor's Report:

- **“Wrap it at Bethesda!” event on December 16, 2023, from 12-4 pm.**
- **Church business cards to hand out.**
- **Judy is out this month, and we have some people to provide backup for the Office Manager position.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **“[Serving on your Congregational Council](#)” needs to be reviewed and revised to outline Bethesda's needs better. Tabled until next meeting on 12-09-2023 at 12 pm. M/S/P**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Budget: Motion to send the early draft to the congregation this week for their prayerful consideration and feedback so the council can prepare a final budget. M/S/P**
 - discussion of rental property rent and other line items
 - Jonathan presented a balanced “Deep Cuts” budget. **2024 Budget Worksheet** (Sheet 4 “Deep Cuts”)
 - Amendment to present an alternative balanced budget to the congregation. M/S/Draw
 - Amendment to prepare a revised version of the Deep Cuts budget to present to the congregation next week after the Early Draft budget and President's Letter. M/S/P
 - Jeff will take editing inputs and revise the President's letter.
- **Servant Keeper: Paul proposes to adopt Servant Keep Online for \$59.99/month.**
 - Motion to table until January 2024. M/S/P

COMMITTEES:

- **Worship and Music:** Setting up to select music through December.
- **Finance Committee:**
 - Presented draft budget worksheet [✚ 2024 Budget Worksheet](#)
 - Karen Carroll's email for Google KCarrollh66@gmail.com
 - Motion to authorize Dianne Brown to act as backup Financial Secretary M/S/P
- **Facilities:**
 - Window in rental building fixed – Jeff is meeting with the window guy on Wednesday to get estimate.
 - Possible I.T. upgrades - Jeff proposes a summit to discuss options
- **BCS:** No business
- Hospitality: Jeff asked Joy to chair and build the committee.

PLACEHOLDERS Let's not forget:

- Mountlake Terrace Street Widening:
- Reinstate Hospitality Committee
- Event Approval Form: Appoint a couple people to edit wordage.
- Visitation Board: Created?

Next Council Meeting: Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

Next Congregational Meeting: Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 11:30 am.

Devotions: December – Pastor Heidi
January -

Adjourned at 2:53 pm