

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, March 10, 2024
Minutes

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

M/S/P = Moved/Seconded/Passed

Called to order at: 1:02 PM

Present: Heidi Fish, Jeff Molitor, Paul Larmore, Karen Carroll, *Joy Halladay (observer), Jessica Cottrill (observer), Christina Larmore (observer)*

Online: Jonathan Evans, Keith Cottrill

Absent: Wendell Wettlend

Devotions: Heidi Fish

Approve Minutes from [February 11](#): M/S/P (as corrected)

Pastor's Report: Heidi

- Need volunteers for Maundy Thursday dinner
- Job description pending for Admin Support role
- **Motion** to have council authorize an experimental exception to the alcohol policy to allow for the service of wine at Maundy Thursday service and dinner. M/S/P

Treasurer Report: Jonathan

- Account Totals
 - BCS: \$3,226
 - Checking: \$16,968 (less paid bills)
 - Savings: \$12,773
 - Rental: \$5,000 (less property taxes)
 - Rental Deposit: \$600
 - Working Capital: \$500
- First reports coming out of QuickBooks

Finance Chair Report: Paul

- Melio for bill pay
- **Motion** to authorize \$900 for the accountant to continue working on the books. M/S/P
- **Motion** to accept revised building use contract. M/S/P
- congregational report due to Synod

COMMITTEES:

- Worship and Music:
 - Hymns selected through April
 - Need to calculate totals and pay Vic.
- Finance Committee:
- Facilities: Still working to fix the window at the rental? Not yet!
- BCS: (see below)

OLD BUSINESS:

- AVP workshop for the Council is scheduled for Friday, May 17—Saturday, May 18. 9-5
- Update WA Secretary of State report to list Treasurer Jonathan Evans as a governor of Bethesda Lutheran Church. Remove Keith Cottrill as check signer due to Jonathan and Keith living in the same household.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion** that we explore the pros and cons of incorporating Bethesda Community Services (BCS) as an independent 501c3 for increased funding opportunities. M/S/P
- Research loan options for borrowing against the rental house
- [The house next door sold on Feb. 23, 2024, for \\$600,000](#)
- Set Congregational Meeting Agenda
 - Recommend congregation elect Jonathan Evans as Treasurer.
 - Loan terms to cover development costs
 - presentation to inform the congregation about development

Action Items:

- Update WA Secretary of State report to list Treasurer Jonathan Evans as a governor of Bethesda Lutheran Church. Remove Keith Cottrill as check signer due to Jonathan and Keith living in the same household.
- Research loan options for borrowing against the rental house by Congregational meeting
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PLACEHOLDERS Let's not forget:

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

Next Council meeting: April 7, 2024, at 12:30 PM

Next Congregational Meeting: March 17, 2024, at 11:15 AM

Devotions:

- April — Jeff
- May — ???
- June —

Meeting adjourned: M/S/P 2:40 PM (PDT)