

Bethesda Council Meeting

April 23, 2025

Bethesda Lutheran Church/Immanuel Lutheran Church combined

We were a part of a combined meeting with Immanuel via ZOOM. Pastor started the meeting with prayer. The last combined meeting was December 18, 2024, minutes for this meeting were approved.

Diane asked about sick leave for Pastor. We agreed that we would adopt the package from the synod guidelines. She made a motion to have Pastor earn a sick day per served month, not to exceed 30 days. Seconded by Bob.

Eve gave an overview of the Lake Superior Action Committee for immigrants. This may be a serious issue in the coming months.

The summer picnic will be on August 24th at Sand Bay. We will make sure the spot is reserved.

The combined service will be June 12th at the Corny Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

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Attendee: Darin Anderson, Bob Eicher, Diane Fizell, Jane Edwards, Pastor Connie Monson

Absent: Linda Schneider, Paul Lundberg

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by President Diane Fizell.

Pastor opened the meeting by discussing the book "Autopsy"? We will read chapter 3 next time. Pastor advised on the condition of Cris Pedersen. He suffered a health issue and his car is still in front of the post office. We are trying to get it moved.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the last meeting were emailed to each member. A motion was made by Darin to accept the minutes as sent, seconded by Bob.

Treasurers Report:

A copy of the current report was distributed, and it was reviewed. No comments. Darin made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Bob.

Pastors Report:

Pastor Connie gave an update on the Synod Assembly. She handed out a memorial regarding the Native Schools hoping to get answers and updates.

The congregation was asked for their opinion on the flags in church, the majority did not want them in the sanctuary. Darin made a motion to repeal the previous motion and to place the flags in the entrance. Seconded by Bob.

Chewy asked if we would allow his sister to visit, she has a service dog, we agreed this would be fine. We also discussed what projects around the building he may take care of.

A member was concerned about leaving the collection open after church starts, we feel there is no problem at this time.

New Business:

It was suggested to put up security cameras. Mike Cyr said that he would check into them, order them and install them. He also agreed to pay for them. After a discussion we agreed that they may be more of a bother, so Diane will contact Mike and tell him to check them, but not to order them at this time.

God's Work, Our Hands is September 7th. No project has been identified yet.

We are still looking into becoming a partner with "100 Who Care". Diane has been a member for four years, they vote on non-profits in Out Doors/Environment, Arts, and Communication. We feel this is a good project, but no decision was made.

Motion to adjourn by Darin at 8:08 pm, seconded by Connie. The next meeting will be May 21st, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Edwards