**BTLC Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 7, 2021**

**Present:** Pastor Julia, Gemma George, Jim Bratvold, Al Buerkle, Becky Laverell, Natalie Rosebrock, Les Schiele, Deb Silverstein, Barb Terland and Debbie Buerkle.

**Not Present:** Jacque Scott and Ken Nelson

President Gemma George called the meeting to order. Barb Terland led devotions.

**Examples of fulfilling our Mission:**

* Church services are going well
* The Christmas tree is up
* Youth Group is going well

**Council Meeting Minutes:** Pastor Julia pointed out a typo in the November Minutes; “Jacque Schott led devotions” when it should have been Jacque Scott. Al Buerkle moved to approve the Minutes from the November 11th meeting and Barb Terland seconded the Motion. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Les Schiele moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for November and Barb seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pastor Julia’s Report:** Due to the new variant of Covid, Pastor Julia will not be going to Texas December 14th through the 17th.

**Music & Worship:**

* There will be 3 services on Christmas Eve. Noisy Christmas at 5:00pm for the kids, and Pastor Julia is recruiting special music for the 7:00pm and the 10:00pm services.
* Les reported there is special music arranged for every Sunday in December

**Education:**

* The last Bible Study for December will be Monday the 13th. Bible Study will start again on Monday, January 3rd with 1Samuel.
* All Confirmands have mentors and a letter has been sent to the mentors letting them know what to expect

**Mission Committee:** The Mission Committee meets at the end of the quarter, however,

Pastor Julia recommended to the Council to consider making a donation to the Denton Fire Fund. Les made a Motion to make a donation in the amount of $2500.00 from the Money Market Account through Hopportunity Bank. Barb seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

**Property Committee:** Al Buerkle gave an update on the gutter situation. The original quote was $2787.00, however, it turns out the electrical portion of the installation will be an additional $2703.00 due to the increased cost of supplies. Al got a second bid from Lonnie McDermott on the electrical and his quote was around $2800.00. It was decided to go ahead with the gutters but hold off at this time on the electrical.

**WELCA:** WELCA has not met.

**President’s Correspondence:** Received a thank you note from Oddlaugh Anderson for the Church’s online services.

**Old Business:**

New Council Members: Jane Lowry volunteered to be on the Council. Still looking for 1 or 2 other replacements.

**New Business:**

* John Robinson suggested moving the table out of the entryway so people could hang up their coats.
* Al will send a letter to Dave & Ida Voldberg thanking them for the beautiful Christmas tree.
* Budget: While reviewing the 2022 Budget, Barb made a Motion to raise the Treasurer’s salary from $2500 to $3500 a year. Les seconded the Motion. Motion carried. After discussing and reviewing the 2022 proposed Budget, Barb made a Motion to accept the 2022 proposed Budget in the amount of $178.232.00 that will be recommended to the Congregation. Becky Laverell seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 at 6:00pm. Becky Laverell will lead devotions at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Silverstein