**BTLC Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 10, 2021**

**Present:** Pastor Julia, Becky Laverell, Ken Nelson, Natalie Rosebrock, Les Schiele, Jacque Scott, Barb Terland and Deb Silverstein.

**Not Present:** Jim Bratvold, Al Buerkle and Debbie Buerkle

Vice President Natalie Rosebrock called the meeting to order. Ken Nelson led devotions.

**Examples of fulfilling our Mission:**

* Graduation
* Resumed coffee hour after worship
* Resumed communion in the sanctuary
* Singing during worship
* Special Music with Ken and Ethel Nelson, Ryan Christensen and Tom Still

**Council Meeting Minutes:** Pastor Julia pointed out in the May Minutes under Examples of fulfilling our Mission that it should have read: Jim Bratvold, Ken Nelson and Les Schiele who helped the supply pastors rather than interim pastors. Barb Terland moved to approve the Minutes from the May 13th meeting as corrected and Ken Nelson the Motion. The Minutes were approved as amended.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Becky Laverell moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May and Barb Terland seconded the Motion. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pastor Julia’s Report:**

* Pastor Julia said she was very grateful and appreciated everything that has been done in the past 60 days for her and her family.
* Bible study will resume in the fall
* She has been focusing on the business aspects of the Church and on visitations.

**Music & Worship:** Including more singing into worship. The schedule is prepared to the end of July.

**Education:** After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to cancel VBS this year due to a shortage of volunteers and a lack of registrations. Pastor Julia will contact Flathead to see if we can rollover the deposit to 2022. Gemma will be asked to contact Mary  
Ann Duffey to cancel housing for the Flathead group.

**Mission Committee:**

* Benevolence monies will be dispersed at the end of the second quarter.
* Loren Beling turns 80 this month. There will be a birthday celebration at coffee hour on the 20th. Pastor Julia will let Carol know and get a cake.

**Property Committee:**

* The carpet is bunched up under the piano due to the piano being moved without releasing the break. It was decided that whenever the piano needs to be moved, it will need to be supervised by someone in the congregation to make sure the brake is released prior to moving the piano.
* Discussion on replacing the carpet in the sanctuary will be tabled for the next meeting.

**WELCA:** WELCA met on June 4th. Carol Walla and Les Schiele are on the Alter Committee for June.

**President’s Correspondence:** Nothing to review at this time.

**New Business:**

**4th of July Service:** Pastor Julia will write something for the sermon to be read in her absence. Deb Silverstein volunteered to read the sermon. Ken will sing “America the Beautiful”.

**Job Descriptions:** Job descriptions were reviewed and accepted with a few minor typo corrections.

**Hiring the New Administrative Assistance:** Tera Ginnaty has been hired. It has been suggested that she be paid $16.50 per hour with a review and possible raise in six months (November). She will train with Melanie. Her official start date will be July 1, 2021. Ken Nelson moved to hire Tera at $16.50 per hour. Les Schiele seconded the Motion. Motion carried.

Barb suggested we have some kind of sendoff with a blessing for Melanie. Pastor Julia will contact her to find out what she is comfortable with.

Les Schiele moved to skip the July meeting and Barb Terland seconded the Motion. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 5:00pm. Pastor Julia will lead devotions at the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Silverstein