

BTLC Council Meeting Minutes
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Respectfully Submitted by Deb Silverstein

Present: Pastor Julia Seymour, Gemma George, Becky Frese, Steve Harvey, Kyler Mehus, Natalie Rosebrock, Jacque Scott, Deb Silverstein, Barb Terland and Debbie Buerkle.

Absent: Becky Laverell & Ron Riter

Before the meeting was called to order, Jamie Moody gave a presentation on the progress of the “Old High School Project”.

Phase I has been completed; the tear down and cleanup of the old high school.

Phase II is in progress; Fund Raising

Basically, the plan is to get people to come to Big Timber to enjoy what our town has to offer. A public square is being used in a lot of communities and it works. It’s about economic development for our community. Ways to help:

Donating money

Helping with fund raisers

Talking to people about what’s going on

A celebration is planned at the Civic Center and on the street at the Fiber Fest on May 9th.

The Council thanked Jamie for her time and the information regarding this exciting project.

President Barb Terland called the meeting to order.

Devotions led by Barb Terland and Steve Harvey.

Examples of fulfilling our Mission: The Annual Meeting, Having Kyler on the Council., Sent money to the Lutheran Church in Australia to help with their wild fires.

After reviewing the January 9th and January 26th Meeting Minutes, there were a couple of corrections that need to be made. In the Property Committee report, Ron met with Jim Yokum, not Joe Yokum, and in the Annual Meeting Minutes, it is Phil Aaberg, not Ray Oberg, that will perform at BTGS on 4/19/20. Steve moved to approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2020 meeting and the Minutes from the January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting as amended. Becky seconded the Motion, Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Gemma made a Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Steve seconded. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Pastor Julia’s Report:

Submitted a Parochial Report to the Synod.

Personal vacation scheduled for March 11-16

Pastor Mark Donald from Christikon will perform the service on March 8th.

The preaching theme for Wednesday Night Lenten services will be the Lord’s Prayer.

The Bible Study on Amos is going well.

Pastor Julia voiced how much she appreciates Diane Ronneberg. Diane was listening to the scanner when the call came in dispatching an ambulance to Jean Duffey and she called Pastor Julia so she could be there for the family.

Music and Worship Committee Report: The Committee met and had discussions on several different things, such as different kinds of worship and talked about Good Friday and Easter.

Education Committee:

Lego Sunday School is going well and is booked until the end of the year.

Pastor Julia met with Chris Mehus regarding the 20/21 Youth Gathering in Minnesota. Ten kids are interested in going. Pastor Julia suggested making a Fund Raising Strategy to raise money for the trip.

Thursday Bible Study group just finished the fifth chapter in Amos and there is 4 more chapters left.

They will be studying Phillipians after Amos.

Mission Committee: The Committee is working with an organization that does “Backpack & Lunches” and gives food to kids to take home on the weekends.

Property Committee:

In Ron’s absence, Pastor Julia reported that our handicap ramp is not currently compliant. The ADA’s standard

minimum is 36" wide, which ours is not. It is not wide enough for a specialty wheelchair. Also, the surface is rough and hard for a wheelchair to maneuver.

President's Correspondence: Before Barb reported on correspondence received, she suggested adding a WELCA Report to the monthly agenda. The Council agreed that it was a good idea and Jodi Christensen will be contacted.

We received a letter from Norm Duncan noting the existence of a BTLC Memorial Book and a proposal related to same from 2012. Pr. Julia managed to locate the book in the office, but it has not been maintained since 2012.

Debbie Buerkle also informed the Council that she does keep records on all memorial monies and where the money was distributed; however, large purchases may use a significant number of small donations, which are not recorded per person necessarily. Barb will respond to Norm's letter.

Old Business:

Ben Fjare will begin working on our new domain name next week. The Council voted, via email, to accept Ben's proposal of \$1,000.00.

New Business:

Barb suggested a deep-cleaning day out in the Sanctuary. It was suggested doing this project after the kitchen renovation is done because of all the dust generated by the renovation.

St. Mark's Church asked to borrow 2 tables and 24 chairs for the Fiber Fest at the Civic Center on May 9th. Steve will contact them and tell them yes.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 19th at 7:00pm. Pastor Julia will lead devotions.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Big Timber Lutheran Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January 2020

	Jan 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
101 · Tithes/Offerings	10,904.80			
116 · Donations	300.00			
117 · Copies	11.76			
Total Income	11,216.56			
Expense				
02 · Benevolent Contributions	0.00	15,750.00	-15,750.00	0.0%
04 · Christikon	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
05 · Flathead Bible Camp	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
06 · St. John's Ministries	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
08 · Seminarian Support	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
10 · Music and Worship	56.70	2,500.00	-2,443.30	2.3%
12 · Organist Salary	219.64	4,000.00	-3,780.36	5.5%
14 · Organist Social Security	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
16 · Education Materials	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
18 · Conventions - Lay Delegates	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
22 · Evangelism	48.00	1,200.00	-1,152.00	4.0%
24 · VBS	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
25 · Sunday School	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
26 · Youth Group	113.09	2,000.00	-1,886.91	5.7%
27 · Misc. and Other	161.66	2,500.00	-2,338.34	6.5%
28 · Utilities	639.33	5,500.00	-4,860.67	11.6%
29 · Telephone & Internet	165.27	2,000.00	-1,834.73	8.3%
30 · Water/Sewer/Garbage	176.24	3,000.00	-2,823.76	5.9%
32 · Repairs and Maintenance	20.58	6,000.00	-5,979.42	0.3%
34 · Custodial Wages	525.63	9,000.00	-8,474.37	5.8%
36 · Custodial Social Security	0.00	700.00	-700.00	0.0%
40 · Insurance Expense	7,034.00	7,500.00	-466.00	93.8%
44 · Parsonage Maintenance/Repair	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
46 · Parsonage Utilities	238.89	2,400.00	-2,161.11	10.0%
48 · Parsonage Telephone	88.01	1,200.00	-1,111.99	7.3%
50 · Parsonage Water/Sewer/Garbage	114.51	2,000.00	-1,885.49	5.7%
54 · Second Parsonage Maintenance	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
56 · Second Parsonage Utilities	93.59	1,000.00	-906.41	9.4%
60 · Second Parsonage Wtr/Sew/Garb	100.12	1,800.00	-1,699.88	5.6%
62 · Copier	294.92	4,000.00	-3,705.08	7.4%
66 · Office Supplies	44.70	1,500.00	-1,455.30	3.0%
67 · Office Equipment or Software	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
68 · Postage and Delivery	55.00	700.00	-645.00	7.9%
70 · Administrative Assistant	992.32	13,520.00	-12,527.68	7.3%
72 · Administrative A. Social S.	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00	0.0%
73 · Treasurer's Social Security	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
74 · Treasurer's Salary	187.09	2,500.00	-2,312.91	7.5%
75 · Unemployment Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
76 · All Employees Workers Comp.	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
78 · Pastor Health Insurance	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
80 · Pastor Salary	3,524.66	42,296.00	-38,771.34	8.3%
81 · Pension Plan	645.37	7,800.00	-7,154.63	8.3%
82 · Social Security Offset	323.74	3,885.00	-3,561.26	8.3%
83 · Housing Equity	132.00	1,584.00	-1,452.00	8.3%
84 · Auto Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
85 · Continuing Education	653.47	1,500.00	-846.53	43.6%
86 · Conventions	0.00	775.00	-775.00	0.0%
87 · Pastor's Professional Expense	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
90 · Supply Pastor	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
91 · Supply Pastor Auto Expense	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
Total Expense	16,648.53	174,060.00	-157,411.47	9.6%
Net Income	-5,431.97	-174,060.00	168,628.03	3.1%

2017 Offering		2018 Offering		2019 Offering		2020 Offering	
Jan.	\$ 11,382.82	Jan.	\$ 8,859.25	Jan.	\$ 9,854.00	Jan.	\$10,904.80
Feb.	\$ 10,691.75	Feb.	\$ 8,360.25	Feb.	\$ 9,034.85		
March	\$ 11,996.50	March	\$ 11,809.32	March	\$12,831.85		
April	\$ 16,468.17	April	\$ 13,146.70	April	\$16,911.51		
May	\$ 11,711.00	May	\$ 9,576.00	May	\$ 8,864.40		
June	\$ 7,993.00	June	\$ 8,551.00	June	\$ 9,584.85		
July	\$ 12,469.60	July	\$ 16,100.00	July	\$ 9,457.64		
Aug.	\$ 10,873.50	Aug.	\$ 11,664.00	Aug.	\$ 8,293.32		
Sept.	\$ 8,976.00	Sept.	\$ 15,523.95	Sept.	\$18,272.05		
Oct.	\$ 11,965.00	Oct.	\$ 12,284.50	Oct.	\$10,174.15		
Nov.	\$ 9,272.13	Nov.	\$ 9,701.00	Nov.	\$14,856.40		
Dec.	\$ 17,322.00	Dec.	\$ 20,858.00	Dec.	\$21,541.14		
Total	\$141,121.47	Total	\$146,433.97	Total	\$149,676.16	Total	\$10,904.80

Other Funds Memorial Money – Savings (Citizens) \$ 26,996.93
Money Market – Opportunity \$115,380.18

Operating \$16,299.21
Sunday School \$ 5,163.34
Youth Scholarships \$ 1,940.74
Rental Account \$11,606.26
Youth Camp \$ 2,089.30
Estate Money \$78,231.21
Melanie Seminary \$ 50.12

Activity on Money Market Account

Withdrawal - \$2458.00 (operating) 2019 Benevolence
\$300 National Child Safety Council
\$500 Lutheran Campus Ministry
\$500 ASPEN
\$358 Food Bank
\$800 Australia LCA Disaster Welfare Fund
Deposit - \$850 (Rental Account)
Interest - \$13.84

Thrivent Funds as of 1-31-20 \$ 58,718.63

10.5% of offering for Benevolence \$ 1,145.00

Balance to ELCA \$ 572.50
Balance to Other \$ 572.50

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Register: checking

From 01/01/2020 through 01/31/2020

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
01/05/2020	DEP		101 · Tithes/Offerings	Deposit			4,728.00	10,662.67
01/06/2020	DEP		101 · Tithes/Offerings	Deposit			2,205.00	12,867.67
01/19/2020	DEP		101 · Tithes/Offerings	Deposit			1,466.00	14,333.67
01/21/2020	Debit	Google Apps	66 · Office Supplies		18.00			14,315.67
01/21/2020	Debit	Alaska Airlines	85 · Continuing Educat...		458.40			13,857.27
01/21/2020	12903	Brotherhood Mutual	40 · Insurance Expense		7,034.00			6,823.27
01/21/2020	12904	Triangle Telephone	-split-		253.28			6,569.99
01/21/2020	12905	Xerox	62 · Copier		294.92			6,275.07
01/22/2020	12906	Debbie Buerkle	-split-		139.79			6,135.28
01/26/2020	DEP		101 · Tithes/Offerings	Deposit			1,345.00	7,480.28
01/26/2020	12907	Bobbie Gilbert	27 · Misc. and Other		120.00			7,360.28
01/27/2020	DEP		116 · Donations	Deposit			300.00	7,660.28
01/27/2020	DEP		117 · Copies	Deposit			11.76	7,672.04
01/27/2020	Debit	Ace Rental Cars	85 · Continuing Educat...		195.07			7,476.97
01/27/2020	12908	U.S. Postmaster	68 · Postage and Deliv...		55.00			7,421.97
01/27/2020	12909	Julia Seymour	-split-		1,924.20			5,497.77
01/28/2020	12910	Statewide Publishing	22 · Evangelism		48.00			5,449.77
01/28/2020	12911	Northwestern Energy	-split-		971.81			4,477.96
01/28/2020	12912	1517 Media	10 · Music and Worship		56.70			4,421.26
01/30/2020	12913	Melanie Forrey	70 · Administrative As...		992.32			3,428.94
01/30/2020	12914	Julia Seymour	-split-		1,924.20			1,504.74
01/30/2020	12915	Leslie Schiele	12 · Organist Salary		219.64			1,285.10
01/30/2020	12916	Bobbie Starkweather	34 · Custodial Wages		525.63			759.47
01/30/2020	12917	Debbie Buerkle	74 · Treasurer's Salary		187.09			572.38
01/30/2020	12918	Portico Benefit Servi...	-split-		819.03			-246.65
01/31/2020	DEP		101 · Tithes/Offerings	Deposit			1,160.80	914.15
01/31/2020	12919	Ace Hardware	32 · Repairs and Maint...		20.58			893.57
01/31/2020	12920	City of Big Timber	-split-		390.87			502.70