

**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**2011 Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bethany Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2010, at 7:06 p.m., in Room 210 with President Ron Guse presiding. Members present included, Derek Birznieks, David Scott, Cathy Evans, Dan George, Becky Godec, Brenda Greenwald, Ron Guse, Joel Halvorson, Heather Kekstadt, Bill King, Kevin McAuliffe, Terry Pickett, Amy Meissner, Pastor Ron Glusenkamp, Marie Friedemann, and Bryan Haugen. Del Hock and Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry were excused. The meeting opened with a discussion about Borderland Churches by Derek Birznieks 7:10 pm.

**Addition to Agenda:**

Nominating Committee Issue-Joel Halvorson  
Celebrate 5 years of Sermons with Pastor Ron-Ron Gusé

**Changes to Minutes:**

2011, Festival of Faith and the Arts

**Reports:**

Borderland Churches Book  
December 2010 Financial Report-Joel Halvorson & Derek Birznieks  
Pastor's Reports- Pastor Ron Glusenkamp & Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry  
Conflict of Interest Policy & Acknowledgement-Joel Halvorson  
Council Liaison Responsibilities-Pastor Ron Glusenkamp  
Council Appointments for 2011-Joel Halvorson  
Budget Schedule for 2011-Joel Halvorson  
Consecration Sunday Update-Joel Halvorson  
Leadership Vision Retreat Agenda-Pastor Ron Glusenkamp  
Consultant Proposed Action Plan-Pastor Rick Rouse  
Cupcake Order Form

**Motions:**

Motion A – A motion to approve the December Council minutes was made by Bryan Haugen and seconded by Terry Pickett. It was approved unanimously. A few corrections were made by Brenda Greenwald.

Motion B – Marie Friedemann moved and Bryan Haugen seconded that Barbara Bell be appointed to a 3-year term on the Audit Committee. It was approved unanimously.

Motion C –Marie Friedemann moved and Cathy Evans seconded that Ted Ziemann and Laura Weber-Meyers be appointed to a 3-year term on the Stewardship Ministry Team. It was approved unanimously.

Motion D – Bryan Haugen moved and Marie Friedemann seconded that the following names be appointed to the Festival of Faith and Arts committee for 2011, as established in a prior council meeting: Leslie Stevenson, Dave Craven and Scott Nixon. In addition, the committee will include Forrest Guittar, Director, and Ron Guse, Council President. The term of each appointed member will be established by the committee as well as the duties of the committee. It was approved unanimously.

Motion E – Dan George moved and Marie Friedemann seconded to nominate Jean Lindsey to the nominating committee, pending her acceptance. It was approved unanimously.

Motion F – Derek Birznieks moved and Bryan Haugen seconded to approve keeping the line of credit open with Wells Fargo, and to pay the fee, for another year. It was approved unanimously.

**Recommendations:**

1. Pastor Ron recommends giving the discretionary outreach money of \$1000 to Porter Hospice in January. Pastor Ron is on the board of Hospice. Council concurred that this outreach should move forward.
2. Each Council member should complete the Beacon/MVG exercise to see how the congregation is doing living out the Mission Vision and Goals .

**Action Items:**

1. Pastor Rick Rouse will coach the leadership and staff to help unleash God's missional imagination for our congregation's future. The leadership vision retreat will be Saturday, March 19.
2. Volunteers should contact Joel to call missing pledgers from the past to complete the Consecration Sunday pledges.
3. Six council people signed up for the three New Member Orientation groups in 2011.
4. Derek Birznieks and Ron Guse will sign the paper to re-amortize the loan with Thrivent.

**The meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Ron at 9:00 p.m.**