

**Minutes of the Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting
February 8, 2022 at First Lutheran Church**

Present: Linda Bauers, Eileen Cordray, Deb Perala, Ken Horntvedt, Brian Peterson, Marla Hasbargen, Mary Sopkowiak, Gary Hasbargen, Sue Smith, Gary Swenson, Pastor Birgitte

Call to Order: President Linda called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and lit the ritual candle.

Agenda: Under New Business, Pastor Birgitte added “E. The Great Synod Get-together” Motion by Ken, second by Brian, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Devotions and Caring Conversations: Pastor shared a poem on “Being Sent” as we have been sent to serve on Parish Council for this year.

Secretary’s Report: Motion by Ken, second by Brian, to accept the minutes of the December 14 meeting. (Our meeting in January was cancelled). Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor was sick for much of January and is so happy to be better! Still busy with 3 Annual Meetings, prep for confirmation and Lent, Hospice training to start, new members, Soul Food. She also shared a thank-you from the Cornerstone church for our funds donated to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner that they hosted this year.

Financial Reports: Each congregation’s treasurer will now receive a monthly bill to pay to J&L Tax Service. The first monthly bill is \$8,407.71 to be paid by each congregation according to their percentage. (Reminder that money has been retained in the Parish account for future staffing and that amounts previously overpaid to the Parish will be refunded to each congregation). Motion by Ken, second by Gary S., to accept the report. Motion carried.

Individual Congregations: Wabanica has had 2 Sunday School sessions, a baptism, and Jerry Anderson’s 96th birthday. Clementson has Bible study, baptisms, and Sunday School. First had their Annual Meeting, as did the others, and all enjoyed multi-generational Christmas programs.

Old Business:

- A. Hospice: April 5 will be patient intake day. Training will begin and more volunteers are needed. A local office for hospice may be kept at First Lutheran.
- B. Bank account update: Roseann was present to say that Riverwood Bank would charge for check images and that Border Bank would have no fees on the checking account. Motion by Eileen Cordray, second by Gary Hasbargen, that we open the Parish checking account at Border Bank with Laurie Baade and Calista Wolf on the account, one signature required, and that the debit card be in Calista Wolf’s name. Motion carried.
- C. Joint Worship to be held at First Lutheran on February 27 at 9:00 a.m. We will have special music and “bury the Alleluia” for Lent. Potluck brunch following with First providing the main dish, Wabanica providing fruit and muffins, and Clementson providing juice.

New Business:

- A. Lent and Holy Week schedule is on a separate sheet. A rotation if followed for evening services, with that host church also providing soup and bread or crackers for that day's noon service at First.
- B. Binders: Pastor prepared a binder for each council president and is willing to put one together for each Parish Council member. Included is a Parish Council directory with contact information, copy of that church's constitution, and spaces to insert the different reports from each meeting.

- C. Pastor's focus for the year: Administration. This would include working together in updating/creating documents, policies, and committees for the Parish and for each congregation. We reviewed the list she has created so far and agree that this would be a worthwhile focus for 2022.
- D. Installation of Church Councils will take place this Sunday, February 13, at each church. Pastor will send out the notice to all.
- E. The Great Synod Get-together will take place on March 12 in Detroit Lakes. This is the meeting before Synod Assembly and will include the Conference meeting of the past. Delegates to Synod Assembly need to attend this day-long event, which will also include sessions for council presidents and treasurers.

The *Beacon* deadline is February 17.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on March 8 at 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran.

Motion by Sue, second by Mary, to adjourn. Motion carried, and we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Perala, Secretary