

**Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting**  
**March 12, 2024**

**Members present:** Brian Peterson, Shelley Pepera, Roger Erickson, Doris Nelson, Ken Horntvedt, Marla Hasbargen, Carrie Hasbargen, Judy Humeniuk, Gary Hasbargen, Gary Swenson, Sue Smith, Bertel Anundson, Mark Washburn, Calista Wolf, Sue Hasbargen.

**Call to Order:** Parish President Roger Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Addition to the agenda, Pastor Birgitte pulpit supply. A motion was made by Brian Peterson to accept the agenda, seconded by Gary Hasbargen, motion carried.

**Devotion:** Calista read from *Have a Beautiful Terrible Day* by Kate Bowler, touching on Divine Assistance.

**Secretary Report:** submitted by Sue Smith, *Pro-tem* Gary Hasbargen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Brian Peterson, motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Calista bought an Alb for herself and a parishioner, Don Tauer, insisted on purchasing it for her as a gift. Calista graciously accepted his offer. The council agreed the check should just be written directly to Calista.

A question arose from the financial report balance sheet: the figures do not add up with the amount of a negative \$5,903.70 from the closing of the Wells Fargo account. Calista will check with Laurie Baade to investigate the matter. The negative amount of \$5,903.70 will be added to next month's old business to revisit. Ken Horntvedt made a motion to accept the Financial Report for February, Judy Humeniuk seconded, motion carried.

**SAM Report:** Calista went through her report stating it was a very busy month. Upcoming, lay lead worship will be: March 17, April 14 and 21.

**Individual congregational events/projects:** *Clementson* held their first Bible Study with Calista leading. *First* reported that Kathy Tischart taught a lefse making workshop, plus they made lefse for residence of the Care Center. They also had an AED training. *Wabanica* will be holding their first Wednesday evening pizza fundraiser on April 24. Pickleball will resume soon also.

**Old Business:**

A. Growing Young, Chapter 1 discussion at the end of the chapter including: Ten things you don't need to grow a church. Seventeen percent of churchgoers are non-denominational. How do we draw-in young people and young families? What can we do to grow the church? Ask what people want to see at church. Involve children in the church service (*Wabanica* currently does this). Be more empathetic toward young families. We could be more flexible with church schedules. Encourage people to attend Wednesday night education. Who else needs to join us on our journey? Ministerium, while keeping with the mission of the ELCA. We need to keep in mind children are social and will follow peer pressure.

**New Business:**

- A. Part-time CYF Director, Calista asked us to think about possibly hiring a Youth Leader for 10-15 hours a week (more or less, depending on the time of year).
- B. Faith Fridays Preschool: The school preschool operates Mon-Thurs., so we could offer a church-based preschool on Fridays, with a limit and possible free-will donation? Could possibly combine with part-time CYF. Tabled to old business.
- C. Parish Agreement: Calista will meet with Roseann Swenson and Deb Perala on March 19. Move this to next month's agenda.
- D. Pastor Birgitte would like to do a presentation for the "People's Church" and would also like to do occasional pulpit supply once her year after resignation is up on May 31, 2024.

**Next meeting:** April 9, 2024

**Adjournment:** Doris Nelson made a motion to adjourn at 7:04, seconded by Gary Swenson, motion carried. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hasbargen, Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Secretary