

Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

June 11, 2024

Members present: Calista Wolf, Bertel Anundson, Linda Bauers, Judy Humeniuk, Sue Smith, Mark Washburn, Gary Hasbargen, Marla Hasbargen, Sue Hasbargen, Gary Swenson, Roger Erickson, Ken Horntvedt, Doris Nelson and Shelley Pepera.

Call to Order: Roger Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Roger Erickson to accept June 11, 2024, meeting agenda. Second by Ken Horntvedt. Motion carried.

Devotion: Calista read a daily devotion from the Book of Isaiah and led us in prayer.

Caring Conversations: We lifted up in prayer, families in need of a prayer and those celebrating good news.

Secretary Report: Motion by Ken Horntvedt to accept May 14, 2024, Parish Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Linda Bauers. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Calista reports expenses paid for Vacation Bible School are under budget. A pending approved Salvation Army claim will reimburse the parish bank account for expenses paid for a school related purchase. Motion by Roger Erickson to approve the June 11, 2024 Parish Balance Sheet, YTD Budget Reports and May Profit and Loss Financial Reports. Second by Doris Nelson. Motion carried.

Synod Authorized Minister Report: Calista gave her report highlighting May and June parish/synod activities, progress updates related to education, her participation in community events to support local students and care center residents. She closed with a list of upcoming plans for June and July. Calista proudly reports Baccalaureate was a success with excellent participation and encouraged community volunteers to consider helping with upcoming 'Spa Day' events at the care center.

Individual Congregation Updates: Clementson will be hosting their annual Father's Day picnic on June 16th and reports their participation at a recent successful breakfast fundraiser donated funds to the hospice program; First Lutheran will be hosting a joint worship on Sunday, June 30th and First Lutheran will be hosting a free picnic June 25th from 5:00 – 7:00 based on a generous donation in memory of Steven Tauer; The Community Band will be performing at the next Wabanica Pizza Night on June 26th. Wabanica will also be serving "Donuts for Dad's" on Father's Day Sunday.

Old Business

Part Time CYF (Children, Youth and Families Position): Calista presented to the council a recommendation to hire a part time CYF Leader. Her recommendation and input from the council included an explanation of the CYF Leader primary job duties, hours per week and recommended hourly pay. Calista is ready to offer the part time CYF Leader job to a qualified individual and is requesting board approval to proceed. Motion by Judy Humeniuk to authorize Calista to proceed with the recommended CYF Leader job offer to Kelsey Armstrong. Second by Ken Horntvedt. Motion carried.

Parish Agreement: Calista, Deb Perala and Roseann Swenson continue to make progress updating the proposed changes to the Parish Agreement.

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School dates are scheduled for June 24 – 27 at First Lutheran. As of the date of this meeting, approximately 20 students have enrolled.

New Business

Growing Young/Chapter 4: "Take Jesus' Message Seriously" was the theme of this discussion. This chapter highlights a unique religious framework that some readers found difficult to understand. Therefore chapter 4 will continue to be discussed at the July council meeting. The discussion did prompt us to talk about the success of the past parish mentor program and Calista is tentatively planning to promote this, again, during Lent 2025.

Council Agenda: This topic was a revisit from last month. Who should be responsible for assigning the agenda topics – should it be Calista or should it be a member of the parish council? Although the group was divided in their opinions, going forward for now Calista will prepare the council agendas. All were in agreement, to evaluate and revisit this plan in approximately three months.

Next Meeting Scheduled for July 9, 2024

Motion by Roger Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm, Second by Sue Smith. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, by Shelley Pepera, Wabanica Council Secretary