

Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

September 10, 2024

Members present: Calista Wolf, Linda Bauers, Sue Smith, Marla Hasbargen, Ken Horntvedt, Doris Nelson and Shelley Pepera.

A quorum was not present, therefore, no voting took place during this meeting.

Call to Order: Ken Horntvedt called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Doris Nelson to accept September 10, 2024, meeting agenda. Second by Linda Bauers.

Devotion: Calista led us in prayer.

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

Secretary Report: August Council Minutes were read. Action to approve will be added to the October meeting agenda since a quorum was not present.

Financial Report: September Balance Sheet and August Profit and Loss Reports were reviewed and discussed. Action to approve will be added to the October meeting agenda since a quorum was not present.

Synod Authorized Minister Report: Calista gave her report highlighting parish/synod activities, pastoral care and funeral planning, the Back-to-School worship service and the success of monthly "Spa Day" events at the care center. The third Monday of each month at 2:00 is Spa Day at the Care Center with September 16th scheduled next. Monthly grief support meetings are going well with an average of 10 people attending. Calista will be attending the Theology of Ministry Conference in September. Walking Wednesday at Timbermill Park will continue, weather permitting.

Individual Congregation Updates: All three parishes gave a warm welcome to Pastor Birgitte last Sunday and enjoyed learning about the work she does at People's Church in Bemidji providing food, shelter and dignity to all. Faith Friday at First Lutheran begins Friday, September 13th. The rummage sale at First Lutheran was a success and an opportunity to donate items to the Disabled American Veteran's is scheduled for September 16th at First Lutheran. A joint parish service is scheduled for October 6th at Clementson. Sunday school at Wabanica starts September 15th and more volunteers are needed. September will be the last monthly wood burning pizza evening for the year and a total of 60 pizzas were served in August

Old Business

Parish Agreement: Progress updating the proposed changes to the Parish Agreement is continuing with no new updates.

Grief Support Group: Calista gave a report earlier in the meeting and plans are to continue with these monthly meetings.

CenturyLink: Calista reports that she and Joyce are working on changes to the phone/internet plan with Century Link and she expects these changes will lower the monthly bill. Working towards linking all phone services to one phone line rather than two.

New Business

NW MN Synod Road Trip: Wabanica Church will host this event on Monday, September 23, 2024. Pizzas from the outdoor wood-burning pizza oven will be served starting at 5:30 pm, a worship service will begin at 6:00 pm with the night's activities ending by 7:30 pm. Plan to join together with the Synod staff for a time of fellowship, worship and to learn about updates from the Synod. All are welcome to attend.

Confirmation Class and Advent 2024: Confirmation students and their parents are asked to attend a meeting from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, September 25th at Wabanica Church. Plan to come early and enjoy pizza. Calista will review her plans for confirmation classes this year which include a special quilting theme activity during Advent season. There are no plans for "Soul Food" this year.

Growing Young Book: Discussion of Chapter 6 postponed to October's meeting when more members will be present.

Soul Shop Training: Two upcoming training opportunities to equip faith community leaders and congregations to minister those impacted by suicide will be hosted by Zion Lutheran Church in Warroad. One option is Friday, September 27th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and the other is Saturday, September 28th 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Contact Calista for more details.

Next meeting scheduled for October 8, 2024

Motion by Ken Horntvedt to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm, Second by Shelley Pepera. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Pepera, Wabanica Council Secretary