

Bethel Lutheran Church Board of Outreach Minutes

Monday, January 6, 2025 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Meeting Agenda

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Roll Call
 - a. Those in attendance: Tracy Peterson, Terri Hallquist, Cindy Erbes, Pastor Amy, Kelsey Loewen, VondaLee Grandalum, Joyce Johnson
 - b. Those absent:
- C. **Devotion**-Cindy Erbes
- D. **Share Outs**: Highs/Lows

Old Business:

- A. Minutes from November 4, 2024 meeting: Terri moved to approve minutes. VondaLee seconded. Approved 7/7
- B. Review and act on any FFS applications: None
- C. Noisy Offerings:
 - a. **November**- Operation Christmas Blessing- \$1372.00
 - b. **December**- Technology Fund – \$610.00
 - c. **January**- ELCA Good Gifts Program- Temple Talk/ Beacon: Tracy: Well & family farm
 - d. **February**- Richland/ Wilkin Food Pantry – also do food collection/ meal prep- Terri to come up with recipe
 - e. **March**- Be the Love offering- pay it forward
 - f. **April**- Circle of Nations- prepare goody bag- send home
 - g. **May**-
 - h. **June**-
 - i. **July**-
 - j. **August**- Backback program
 - k. **September**- Lunch Buddies – Kinship- Bethel members
 - l. **October**-
 - m. **November**-
 - n. **December**-
- D. Project Christmas Blessing:
 - a. Money spent from Noisy Offerings paid for: gifts & ½ lasagnas-10 kids purchased for
 - b. Thrivent fund for Lasagnas

- c. Quilters donated quilts for each family unit
 - d. Congregation member purchased 42 \$15 gift cards to Pizza Ranch
 - e. Lisa put together information about the church to share with families
 - f. Over 30 volunteers in attendance
 - g. Form a committee for next year
 - i. Make sure next year it gets in Daily News
- E. Temple talk on the ELCA Good Gifts Program & The Beacon- Tracy
- F. Cocoa, Cookies and Carols (Opportunity for members to Get to Know Pastor Amy)-
December 8 from 1:00-4:00
 - a. Interest in growing this mission
- G. FFS Community Outreach Luncheon –
 - a. How do we think it went?
 - b. Thoughts for next time: focus on the needs that are out there
 - c. Set time and date April 11, 2025 11:00-1:00
 - d. Have people eat as soon as when they come in, begin promptly, instead of waiting for everyone to get there
- H. New Member Sunday-. Date: Sunday, October 27 10:00-11:00 Reception
 - a. How do we think it went? Thoughts for next time
 - b. Use photos for bulletin Board
 - c. Next New Member Sunday: Sunday March 30
 - d. Fall: October 12
- I. Text Vote to purchase stamps, envelopes and card stock for Sonja Christensen to send out cards on behalf of the congregation for: recognitions, confirmations, graduations, birthdays over 90, new and out-going board members, etc.

New Business:

Business Items for Next meeting: February 3 from 5:00-6:00

- A. Devotions: Vonda Lee
- B. Kelsey to make calendar for entire year of important dates/ meetings/ things to discuss
- C. Agenda- Give back gala- begin to plan
- D. Board of Outreach Meeting Time: Discussion at Planning Council to get on same day. Thoughts? What works for our best for our board? Continue with current schedule
- E. College Outreach for Winter -Joyce will contact Bobbi Luck to see if we could do something around Valentine's Day

- a. Plan at Feb meeting
- F. St.Catherine's Outreach- Weekly visits are most beneficial for their organization. If there is a way to expand that service.
 - a. Possibly an "adopt a resident" program: next agenda- Feb
 - b. Summer agenda: look at how our kids can be involved
 - c. Card making: Tracy – around easter
- G. Card Ministry-Create cards to be used for Thinking of You, Thanks, Sympathy, Way to Go, Valentines, etc.- popcorn
- H. Organize with board of education- kids and Leech home activities

Meeting Adjourned