

**BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
SPRING COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 12, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Moderator Nate Polzin opened the meeting with prayer. Twenty-nine members were present.

AGENDA

The agenda was distributed to everyone present and a copy is attached to the minutes. There were no additions to the agenda. **Lee Hannahs moved to approve the agenda. Dan Bergman supported the motion. The motion carried.**

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

A copy of the 2020 Fall council minutes was given to everyone. The reading of the minutes was dispensed since everyone has a copy. **Dan Bergman moved to accept the minutes as written. Rick Painter supported the motion which carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dan Whitmer

A financial report for expenditures year-to-date was provided. A copy is attached to the minutes. The current checking account balance is \$5,624.97. All bills are paid to date including 75% of the budgeted outreach.

STEWARDS' COMMISSION REPORT: Dan Bergman

All maintenance is up-to-date.

NURTURE COMMISSION: No report

WITNESS COMMISSION: Peg Hillman

One scholarship application has been approved by the Commission. Plans will be made for the Gladwin County fair if it is held this summer.

Ministry Planning Committee: Peg McKimmy

The Committee works with Nurture and Witness. The group is planning a corn-hole tournament and bonfire for May 16th after worship service.

MINISTERIAL COMMISSION: Sherm Fassett

Pastor Bill resigned his duties effective March 28th. Pastor Joe is on board as part-time pastor.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION: Rick Painter

Lee Hannahs has been added as a member of the Stewards' Commission.

ENDOWMENT BOARD: Tom Prager

A copy of the endowment report year-to-date is attached to the minutes.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Peg McKimmy

Because of COVID attendance has been low. There has been no official activity this year.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Sherm Fassett

Sherm reported that prints are made for the addition, and there should be a bid in place by the end of next week.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Joe read Pastor Bill's report and added comments of a well-attended Easter service. He noted his goal was to preach Christ.

Tom Prager moved to accept all reports. Lee Hannahs supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board recommendation to place a United States flag and a Christian flag in the fellowship hall was brought before Council. Discussion was as follows:

- Covenant Brethren Church representatives stated that there is a flag in their church
- Placing the U.S. flag and the Christian flag at the same height denotes equality of the flags
- An opinion that placing them together does not imply equality
- Traditionally U.S. flag should be on the left—it could be placed on the left of the cross in the fellowship hall
- A U.S. flag is not historically placed in the sanctuary in this church but the fellowship hall would be o.k.
- Having a flag does not mean it is higher than the cross
- We can worship because of what other people in this country did for us

Lee Hannahs called for the question and then withdrew the call when Becky Phillips said she wanted to amend the motion. **Becky moved to have only the U.S. flag in the fellowship hall. Luann Onweller supported the motion to amend.** Discussion held:

- the cross is our only Christian symbol
- the consensus of the Board was to have both flags positioned in the fellowship hall.

Voting on the motion to amend resulted in 13 yes and 9 no. The motion carried.

The amended motion to place only a U.S. flag in the fellowship hall passed the Council unanimously.

2. A Covenant Brethren Church informational meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st. Tom Prager reported on other churches who will be attending the informational meeting. He has placed information and an invitation on Facebook. Lunch will be provided by this church. An RSVP would be appreciated for lunch purposes.

3. Dan Rossman from the District would be available to discuss the Church of the Brethren with this congregation.
4. John Blades has offered to remove two large trees from the south parking lot area. **Becky moved to have John remove the trees. Ward Simpson supported the motion. The motion carried.** The Stewards will consult with John about any additional trees that need to be removed.
5. Dan Whitmer brought a point of information that garbage pick-up will happen on the first and third Wednesday of each month instead of weekly pick-up. This is a means to save expenses.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Bergman moved to adjourn. Rick Painter supported the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 with prayer by Pastor Joe.