

**BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MAY 24, 2021**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Pastor Joe was the moderator. He opened the meeting with prayer. Twenty members were present.

The meeting began with a motion from the Finance Committee: Bob Phillips, Claudia Whitmer, Matt McKimmy

**The Finance Committee moved to move funds from the parsonage account, the building account, and the general account at Brethren Benefit Trust to one account labeled “building account.” This account would be placed in a secure fund where the money would be safe from market fluctuations and would be generally liquid.**

Discussion followed:

Doing this would enable the money to be used immediately for building expansion expenses.

**Dan Bergman supported the motion. The motion carried.**

More discussion followed concerning the building project.

Hardwood Hills presented a bid for construction. They predict the building would be finished by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

It would take \$168,000 to start the project.

\$100,000 more would be needed soon to buy materials

The total cost of the project is approximately \$364,481

The Council is looking for commitment from its members to proceed with the building project

Advantages to carrying out the project now would be:

Cost of materials seem to be going up

People will come forward to support the project

The congregation could show support to the youth by taking on this project

Interest rates for construction loans are low right now

Disadvantages would be:

There could be a need for fund raisers

Discussion was held on the Michigan District’s stand on congregations leaving the denomination and what would happen to their buildings and assets.

**Lee Hannahs moved to proceed with the building project using funds in the Brethren Benefits Trust first and then securing a loan for the remaining funds. Tom Prager supported the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

The second item of business was an informational discussion of the possibility of moving this congregation from the Church of the Brethren to the Covenant Brethren Church. Dan Rossman from the Michigan District came as a spokesman for the Church of the Brethren. He is a part of a four person executive team for the district consisting of Wanda Joseph, Beth Sollenberger, Frank Polzin, and Dan. According to Dan the basic belief of the Church of the Brethren is following Jesus. His talked centered on the Michigan District's need for the Beaverton church's support.

At 9:00 the meeting was adjourned by Moderator Joe Andrist. Prayer was given by Joe and the Council was dismissed.