

Bethel Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2025

Time: Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Location: Bethel Lutheran Church

Secretary: Tom Hooper

Present: Pastor; DJ Smith, President; Logan Wells, Treasurer; Harold Seamon, Lon Mills, Linc Schneider, Annette Lang, Karen Moffitt, Jill Duncan, Secretary; Tom Hooper, Randy Baskerville, Sarah Manro

Absent: Jim Herr, Steve Horton

1. Opening

- Devotion and prayer led by Pastor DJ Smith. Reflection on gratitude, service, and mission as the holiday season approaches.
- Guests from Marilyn's Place were introduced following the devotion.

2. Guest Presentation – Marilyn's Place

- Representatives Marsydi's Evans (she is the new President of Marilyn's place. Ursala D'Ambrosio assistant) presented a proposal to continue operations at the farmhouse property following Glenn's retirement.

Key points:

- Requested to remain for two years while relaunching ministry.
- Focus on outreach, fundraising, and community events.
- Asked Bethel to cover rent/utilities/other for first three months.
- Council to review materials and defer decision.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Previous minutes reviewed and approved with minor clarifications. Motion carried unanimously. *Moved by Sarah M, 2nd Jill D approved unanimously.*

4. Treasurer's Report *Moved Tom H, 2nd Sarah M Motion approved unanimously.*

- Report reviewed; congregational budget passed 76-2.
- Staff pay updates per 2026 budget: Pastor DJ +10%, John +7%, accountant stipend \$300/month.
- Organist and musician compensation approved: *Moved Linc, 2nd Sarah M (passed)*
 - Kathy Bloom \$250/service.
 - Jacqueline Lagomo \$250/week.

5. Pastor's Report

- Updates on Advent and Christmas schedule.
- Encouragement to share how members have seen God at work.
- Growing participation and new musical leadership.

6. Old & New Business

- Marilyn's Place discussion tabled for later review.
- Office restructuring committee to be formed (Tom Hooper, Lori Schneider, Janet, Harold and others TBD).
- Holly Eldridge separation completed; access revoked.
- Monthly ministry reports reinstated by 2nd Tuesday of each month.

7. Fellowship & Events

- Caroling: December 18 at Harbor Manor and North Ridge.
- Advent Dinners: Hosted by Women on Wednesdays, Council, and Care Team.
- January 25: Bethel Brunch Bingo.
- February 13: Comedy Night ("Superstition" theme).

8. December Council Gathering

- Scheduled for Monday, December 15, 6:00 PM at Hooper residence.
- Brief business session followed by dinner and fellowship. RSVP requested.

9. Announcements

- Operation Christmas Child: 167 boxes collected (69 school, 98 congregation).
- Mission support: \$1,500 approved for Utah outreach.
- Scout Troop fundraiser: \$50 annual flag placement service promoted.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned following the Lord's Prayer.