

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 16th 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

PRESENT: Al Thompson, Val DeMartino, Beth Lowe, Pastor Kidd, Elaine Morlan, Lloyd Murray, Stacey Wollet , Brian Klase, Jeff Kulow, Helen Pelton and Bill Conkey

ABSENT: none

DEVOTION: From ELW we did a responsive prayer

*Motion to accept minutes from Aug. 2018 meeting by Brian Klase, 2nd by Stacey Wollet.
Motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***CHRISTIAN ED:**

- No deductions possible from budget. Most money to be used will be in the next 2 months for all of the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas needs.
- Beth will mark what needs to be disposed of in the basement but not in Fellowship Hall storage area. There are too many things in it. She also doesn't want to make those decisions by herself. She would like a committee to be appointed to take all of the items out of the closet and into Fellowship Hall. Then the committee could decide what to keep and what to pitch. While that was happening, others could scrub down the area with bleach to kill the mold etc.. Then perhaps if closet dries enough, the remaining items could be put back in the storage closet area.
- Lloyd please add to Friday all call to have any coming to the Fall Fun event on Saturday to bring their phone or camera USB cord is possible to make it easier to share photos.
- Future events: Christmas Program, Chimes, Youth led service, Caroling, and Wine bottle lights fundraiser

***COMMUNICATION:**

- Discussed monthly newsletter. Should we publish every other month?
- Bob and Lloyd have been investigating system for better WiFi reception. Beth A. needs for Sunday school. There is a "Mesh System" available at Best Buy that can improve the signal. The system itself costs \$450-500 and Cost of Geek Squad to install and service is \$300-350. Elaine made a motion to approve up to \$800 for the mesh system with funds to come from Tech Fund. Beth was second and the motion carried.
- Question: Has anyone come up with current listing of who is on Church committees and when terms end? Val provided the terms and when each ends. Bill had a listing of members but it was from 2016.

***FINANCE:**

- There was a long discussion about the Bookkeeper/Treasurer position. Stacey made a motion to make Debbie's salary \$5500.00 per year. Lloyd was second and the motion carried.
- Bill distributed potential budgets for 2019.
- Annual congregational meeting will be Nov. 25th after the 11:00 am service.
- September 2018 Treasurer's report income for September \$22,313 needed to meet budget \$21,784 giving us \$529 over.
- Yearly income for nine months \$181,850 need to meet budget \$196,050 (\$14,200 under budget).
- Expenses for Sept 2018 \$19,950 with an income of \$22,313 leaving us with \$2,363 less expenses than income.
- Expenses for nine months \$19,581 with income of \$181,850 leaving us with expenses exceeding income by \$13,968.
- Capital improvement Sept income \$5,492 this included \$468 that was sitting in the general fund.
- Expenses from capital improvement \$9537.69, \$1,019 loan payment and \$5,323.69 water damage/cleanup, \$0.00 for door safety bars and monitoring system.
- Balance Thrivent loan \$62,065.29 after the 10/15/18 payment
- Church Mutual Insurance Company has flood insurance available for \$60.00 a year. Bill made a motion to get the coverage, Val was second and the motion passed.
- Working with Debbie on printing reports
- Working on 2019 budget

***PARISH LIFE (Formerly MEMBERSHIP):**

- Met with Bill Conkey on Monday September 26 and October 1 at Bethel to enter attendance sheets for Sunday September 25 and September 30 on Church Windows.
- Printed out absent lists for 3, 6, 9 and 12 weeks.

***PROPERTY:**

- We had a brief meeting on Sunday.
- Discuss chemicals for boilers to be ordered for the winter season coming.
- The light fixture in men's upper bathroom is out and checking on replacement.
- Discussed smell and unwanted furniture and misc items that need to be disposed with Beth and will set date and notify everyone available to help.

***OUTREACH (Formerly WELCOME):**

- Mickey Schuster and Outreach Committees held their fall pasta dinner on Saturday, October 13th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There was a lot of planning and preparation involved to make it all happen but everything turned out great. We had 100 tickets sold, give or take one or two. Both committees will meet after church on Sunday, October 21st to finalize all figures in order to determine the profit made.
- Outreach Committee will also have a brief meeting after church on October 21st to discuss details for the Thanksgiving food baskets. Due to the balance in the food

basket account being \$746.21 we will not need to ask for donations from the congregation.

- Stacey will be resigning from Outreach committee. Nominating committee will be notified.

***WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- Reflections on new Kryie, folks seem to like and are singing, as with anything it takes a little while to become familiar with it.
- Dedication for new hymnals and robes will be Nov 18th.
- Hymnals are in and we should be getting a credit for some of the shipping. The shipping cost was \$306.?? and we have approximately \$100 left from what was collected and some money from the Memorial fund. I have purchased enough of the plastic mesh for ribbon inserts but will need approximately \$50-\$60 more for ribbon.
- Still waiting to hear about mics.
- Sandy Dorman, Pastor and I have been working on new bulletin format. Service will be in the bulletin and other items will be in a monthly insert. Some of the information will be constant and others will change monthly. Thoughts are that one side will be the same and other side changes. Will use 11 x 14 page and fold it. Members will be asked to separate and leave at back of church when exiting.
- The actual bulletin should be between 8-12 pages. Now we use 16 consistently. This should save ink, paper and time.
- During holidays we might have more of the service in the bulletin.
- Tentative Schedule for completing hymnal project
- Oct 8th Met with Candy and put all hymnal donations on bookplate template
- Oct 21st After church planning to print bookplates.
- Oct 22 Might meet to complete bookplate printing
- Oct 28th Insert bookplates and ribbon strips into hymnals
- Nov 11th Have folks take the green hymnals that are in their pews out of church. Some put in Memorial Hall, each family takes one home. Plus take an old red hymnal from Memorial Hall. Have folks put the WOV hymnals under their pew in racks provided.
- Realizing that using the new hymnals will be a little different we would encourage people to think about these two points:
 1. We should embrace this as a learning situation and know we are lifelong learners
 2. Learning something new aids to connect the synapses in our brains and helps to prevent dementia.
- After church place new hymnals in pews. Want to make sure that those hymnals donated by folks have their donated hymnal near them in church.
- Prayer station inside sanctuary. Will bring photo and discuss and perhaps write a grant for material.

***PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made 30 calls.
- Performed a Wedding Ceremony on October 12th
- Possible 2 new families to join

- Adult Sunday school to start soon and will be during the week to accommodate the choir.
- Starting a Wednesday 2:00 catechism study
- Pastor will conduct a Thanksgiving service at Martin Luther.

***OLD BUSINESS:**

- No old business.

***NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bill contacted the Day Care committee to consider raising the rent to \$800.00 per month for 2 years. A long discussion took place and suggestions were made for \$750.00 per month for 6 months and then go to \$800. Bill will present these to the day care.
- Jeff had some suggestions for the council vacancies he will let Janie Morkel and Robert Zeilke know who they are.

***CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:16PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Valerie DeMartino