

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 23rd, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

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

ABSENT: Elaine Morlan

DEVOTION: Ideas to avoid conflict at council meetings.

*Motion to accept minutes from Al Thompson and 2nd by Val DeMarino. Motion was carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***CHRISTIAN ED:**

- Vacation Bible School: Had 61 kids in attendance. Cost to each church only \$17 due to generous donations. St. Charles will host next year.
- Ryan has resigned as the Jr/Sr high Sunday school teacher and the youth director position with Westminster. Westminster has a new Minister and there may be possible changes to the Christian ed program there. Looking at solutions for the loss of the youth group, perhaps joining with First Covenant.
- Beth will teach the Jr/Sr high class this year. The online curriculum is \$99 and workbooks will be \$19.99 each. It is uncertain where the class will meet due to water damage to the room during the heavy rains.
- Grade levels will be realigned again to even out the number of students in Sunday school classes.
- Rally Day will be Sept. 16th
- Possible fund raiser for the fall “wine bottle lights”
- Car/Bike show profit \$2450.19

***COMMUNICATION:**

- New Phone system working well
- Some of the computer problems have been repaired.
- Next newsletter being printed Tuesday.
- Don to continue posting council minutes.
- Boardman News list church services at no charge.
- Sound system in fellowship hall is not working properly. Checking to see if we are operating it correctly or if it actually needs fixed.

***FINANCE:**

- Monthly Treasurers Report:
- Yearly Treasurers Report:

- Capital Improvement Income July 2018 \$1,417.00 Total, this does not include \$360.00 from split checks.
- Capital Improvement Expenses: \$1,500.00 loan payment
- Current Principal Balance on Thrivent loan: 64,680.35 as of 8-15-18
- Capital Improvement checking account balance: \$24,438.42
- Technology Fund Balance: \$7920.68
- Finance Committee is going to continue with Chase Bank for our Church banking at this time.
- Cost of water damage invoice received cost of cleanup totaled \$5,323.69. Bethel has \$2,500.00 deductible. We have filed a notice of claim while waiting for invoice for clean up and in case we discover the need for further repairs do to this incident. NOTICE OF CLAIM #1358823.
- 2018 Stewardship letter and Intent to Give cards will be mail the week of September 9, 2018. Consecration Sunday planned for September 28, 2018.
- All Council Committees should start working on their 2019 budgets. We would like to present them for Council approval at our October 16, 2018 Council Meeting.
- Received notice from ELCA that it's time to figure Pastors Insurance contribution costs.
- Checking with church windows on not using the web base and eliminating home access.
- Al said to check on backup of church windows.

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

- Membership letter is updated.
- Reviewed the responses to the Member ship letter mailed in June.
35 letters were mailed attempting to reach 50 members, 16 replied. 11 asked to retain membership and 2 asked to be removed. 3 returned undeliverable no forwarding address.
- We will remove a total of five members:
Myrna Loy Smith, Heather Patrone, Don Sokoloski, Paul Hagman and Kristine Beauchamp

***PROPERTY:**

- Fellowship Hall and kitchen and hallway floor had been stripped and waxed. Linda & Scott Adair donated to cover the cost of this.
- The new panic bars on the 2 sets of doors have been installed along with the electric strike with button in Georgette office and still has same key as rest of church. It will need some areas touched up with some paint.
- The daycare is in the process of having a new push button lock set and panic bar installed on the back entrance door and will also be keyed alike.
- The other light fixture in upper women's bathroom is going bad and will need replaced and will use led fixture to match other one existing in there.

- We had some damage done to two areas of our roof in which created 2 holes. We are thinking it was birds possibly black birds or hawks. They also damage the vents screen on our HVAC unit above small kitchen.
The roof repairs were made by SRI Roofing to maintain our warranty. We are getting pricing on replacement of the vent screen.
- The heavy rain we had on Friday August 10 created water to come into quite a few areas of the church, with the help of church members coming to rescue to clean up the water that came in kept things from being even worse. We hired a company to help dry out these areas with fans that came in late Friday. We have contacted our insurance company to address the issue we had and talk with them on damage and cost occurred. We have a deductible with them so will meet with them to discuss best way for us to proceed.

***OUTREACH (Formerly WELCOME):**

- The annual church picnic was held on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at Boardman Park. I took a visual headcount of 72 in attendance. A \$100.00 donation was made for the church picnic from the 2018 Bethel Youth sponsored Car/Bike Show event. I am still finalizing all the expenses to have a final balance in the church picnic sub account.
- Outreach and Mickey Schuster Committees are teaming up to have a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 13th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Outreach is still determining how they will use their half of the funds that are raised. Both committees will get together to have a meeting on Sunday, August 26th after church to discuss more details.

***WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- Song Leader during the summer well received. Will determine after a while when choir resumes if we will continue with a song leader.
- Order of Service for the fall will change to include:
Will begin September 9 th .
 1. New Kyrie found on 152 of new hymnal, choir will lead until congregation learns it.
 2. Glory to God in the highest from the second setting
 3. Former Gospel responses
 4. Lamb of God as communion introduction
 5. Thank the Lord as post communion hymn
- Included in this report is the choir schedule for the year. Will send out when Marc and Janie okay it.
- Adult choir will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Praise Band will rehearse on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Bell Choir will rehearse on Sundays at 9:45 and the Adult choir will rehearse at 10:30.
- Thrivent Grant was accepted for new hymnal materials: Grant entitled, Sing a New Song
- We have 152 donations for the new hymnal. We need 48 more to reach our goal.

We have until the end of September to reach that goal. Letter will be included in September's newsletter to ask for the remaining monies for the 48. Included in this report is the list of who has contributed so far.

- Some of the old communion robes have been shortened so that people do not trip while serving communion. We repaired a couple that were missing snaps and made adjustments to one. We are going to order two communion robes and two acolyte robes from memorial fund.
- Ready to order the two mics using either memorial fund monies or technology monies.
- Dedication set for hymnals, robes, and mics to be either November 18th or 25th . Use new hymnals beginning December 2nd .
- Committee to begin working on new bulletin format in September.
- Old hymnals:
 1. Keep some to use as references
 2. Give one hymnal to each family in congregation
 3. Give remaining to nursing homes.

***PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made only 35 calls and visits this month.
- Pastor has been working with the parish life committee and also conducted 1 funeral.
- We have several new members to induct. Pastor is looking at Sept. 23rd for them to officially join.
- Sept. 9th begins fall hours
- Sept. 16th is Rally Day
- Sept. 2-4 Pastor will be on vacation

***OLD BUSINESS:**

- Question arose if mutual ministry is meeting and conducting the rest of the staff evaluations.
- Suggestion made to consider doing the single 10 am service year round.

***NEW BUSINESS:**

- Call committee needs formed to fill upcoming vacancies.

***CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:12PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Valerie DeMartino