

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 20th, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

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

**ABSENT:** None

**DEVOTION:** Part of the "Passion" story and a prayer from Bonhoffer.

\*Motion to accept minutes from Feb 20, 2018 by Al Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine Morlan.  
Motion was carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**\*CHRISTIAN ED:**

- March 18, 2018 will be first communion for three children.
- On Palm Sunday, March 25th, there will be a breakfast, kids' craft, music practice for children, and getting ready with the palms. The previous station activity is too hectic to complete in the time allotted.
- April is Autism Awareness Month. There will be some type of activity done towards the end of the month.
- There is also going to be a Pancakes for Nora fundraiser at St. Charles on April 8th. Adults are \$7 and kids ten and other are \$4. Beth is hoping some of the parents and children will go over from 9:30 to 10:30 in support of Nora Sabella and her family. Four year old Nora has stage 4 neuroblastoma, a type of cancer.
- April 22, we hope to have children speak in church. This will be in addition to singing on another date in April.
- A family bowling date will hopefully be set in April or May.
- May 13 the have a special celebration for Mother's Day.
- May 20th will have a special celebration for Father's Day by the children.
- There are meetings for developing the Car Show on July 28th with a rain date of August 4th being held.
- There are Lenten devotionals in the hall on the table available.
- Adult Sunday school is at 9:45 on Sunday. There is also an Adult Bible Study on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- There is a Lutheran Men in Mission Bible Study on Saturday March 17, and 31st.
- There will be no after school tutoring on April 4, 2018 as Boardman schools are on Easter vacation. The last day for tutoring will be May 9, 2018. Doors are now locked during the tutoring sessions. We may have to discontinue this for next school year due to a lack of volunteers.

### **\*COMMUNICATION:**

- The transfer of phone and internet service to Armstrong has been completed. Thanks to Bob Wright for his research and assignment of new e-mail and web site addresses.
- Thanks to Bill Conkey for his research also, and securing of computer backup service.
- No committee meeting was held in March 2018.

### **\*FINANCE:**

- Treasurer's report: Total General Fund monthly income for February 2018 \$15,035. Budgeted monthly income needed to meet yearly budget \$21,783.00. Leaving us (\$6,748.00) minus income to meet yearly budget.
- Total General Fund expenses February \$33,478.53. Budgeted monthly expenses \$21,783.00. Leaving us with \$11,695.53.00 spent over budget.
- February expenses exceeded February income by \$18,443.00
- Total Income for 2018 \$31,956.13 leaving a deficit to meet budget of (\$16,876.40)
- Total Expenses for 2018 \$48832.53 this gives over expenditure of \$5,266.53
- Finance Committee met with Paul Bowman from Church Mutual Insurance Company to review and quote for Bethel's Building and grounds insurance. We could save as much as \$1,900.00 with Church Mutual. They have strong references and seem to be one of the largest in the area. Bill made a motion to approve "Church Mutual and Val was second. Motion was passed and we will proceed unless the "Menonite Mutual" comes back with a better offer.
- Bill will contact James & Son Insurance broker about insurance with Mennonite Mutual Insurance are present carrier.
- Bill will get some references from Church Mutual and contact them.
- Looking at stewardship program for this fall.
- Someone asked if the money bequeathed by the Burkey family was specified to a particular area. The answer was no. We may have to consider using some of this to supplement the income deficit.

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

- RE: Membership letter and Contact info update, last update 2015
- We reviewed a list of 114 members who do not attend regularly, focusing on their status ie: member, visitor, inactive, shut in, on vacation, moved away etc.
- Send a letter twice/year June and January. (after Easter and Christmas)
- So as not to exclude those who only come at holidays or just whenever they feel like it.
- Once we update this list dating back to 2015 the list will be much shorter and manageable.
- Currently visitors are sent a card by Judy Summerland

- Birthdays are addressed monthly in the new letter.
- And absentees of 3-6 wks will get a phone call.
- We will meet again after Easter to print a new letter and address labels to mail in June.

**\*PROPERTY:**

- Faucet in women's bathroom in daycare wing has been fixed.
- We have discussed the leak with the pipe for boiler with Stan Huddleston and will make this repair when the boilers are shut down for the spring.
- We are getting pricing for panic bars for the two doors entering at the kitchen and the two entrance doors in front of memorial hall. Allied Locksmiths gave an estimate of \$2445.00 for 4 panic bars, locks from the outside, and a buzzer for the doors across from Memorial Hall. Beth made a motion to approve this with money to come from capital improvement fund. Bill was second and the motion carried. Brian will give Jensen until the end of the month to come back with an estimate. If they do not respond we will proceed with Allied. They will match the locks to our current keys.
- The one door at memorial hall will have an electric strike on it.
- We are looking at ways of protection for our members along with employees and daycare during the day.

**\*OUTREACH (Formerly WELCOME):**

- The Outreach Committee met on March 11th to finalize plans for distributing Easter Food Baskets. We will be distributing 16 food baskets on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
- We decided to pass around a sign-up sheet on April 8<sup>th</sup> at both services to get volunteers for serving dinner at the Rescue Mission on the last Saturday in April, May and June.
- The drive thru dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to Johnny being sick. We need to look into getting volunteers to help with these dinners as Bill and Helen are unable to do it anymore. Pastor will talk to Johnny about the lack of volunteers and discuss possible solutions.
- Paul and Val from Mickey Schuster attended the meeting to discuss further plans for a fundraising dinner. Paul thinks the International Buffet will be too much work and suggested doing a Swiss Steak Dinner. He said this dinner raised around \$1,000 the last time they did it and was a lot less work. This will be planned for the fall, sometime in October. Outreach still plans on using their half of the money raised to purchase new communion assistant robes. We also discussed possibly having a spaghetti luncheon or Soup sale one Sunday after church service.

**\*WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- Went over order of service for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

- Everything in place and numerous people are being asked to participate in all the services. In addition to ushers, acolytes, communion assistants, bell choir, and choir members 26 people are needed to help with the Holy Week Services.
- Have spoken to Janet Conkey informally about using Memorial fund money for new hymnals. Would like to have monies from Memorial Fund purchase 100 of the 200 hymnals. That would cost about \$2240.00. Beth was asked to get some more information and we will discuss again next meeting. Would like to arrange a meeting with Memorial Fund Folks to make requests before researching hymnals and perhaps new vestments for acolytes and communion assistant robes. There is also a need for new altar linens.
- The Children and the Adult choir will offer the anthem for Palm Sunday. The bells will play the prelude for Palm Sunday.
- Olivia De Martino will play the offertory for Easter Sunday at both services.
- The Adult Choir will sing at both services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- There will be no choir anthem at the service on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- We need 2 more hand held microphones; the approximate cost is \$450-500.

**\*PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made 40 calls and visits again this month.
- Synod Assembly is June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor is not sure who will attend with him.
- Confirmation retreat is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

**\*OLD BUSINESS:**

- No old business at this meeting.

**\*NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bill talked to Walt Guzney and he can do another talk with us about church security if we are interested.

**\*CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:14PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Valerie DeMartino