

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 17th, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Al Thompson, Val DeMartino, JJ Losasso, Pastor Kidd, Stacey Wollet, Lloyd Murray, Beth Lowe, Jeff Kulow and Bill Conkey

**ABSENT:** Elaine Morlan

**DEVOTION:** From the Lutheran Trump Cards: "God is Love"

\*Motion to accept minutes from September 2017 by JJ Losasso and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Wollet.  
Motion was carried

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**\*CHRISTIAN ED:**

- Reformation Sunday there will be a craft for the kids.
- "Paint and Munch" fund raiser organized and ready to go.
- Christmas program "God's Promise Come True" on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**\*COMMUNICATION:**

- Committee wants to publicize the facebook site and website more.

**\*FINANCE:**

- Armstrong called inquiring if we wanted to combine our services. Crestview is not wired into the system. If they will wire it for free we will consider it.
- They are looking further into "Personal Concept Service". This is a company that keeps us compliant with our salaried employees. It is \$300.00 per year. Could we save money by eliminating this?
- They are also looking into CCLI. This is the company that we get our music copyrights from. It is \$208.00 a year but we must have in order to remain compliant.
- A sister company (CVLT) also contacted us about a license to show videos. It will cost \$245 per year. Many questions came up about this and if it was necessary. Bill will investigate further and we will have a special meeting if necessary.
- All budgets must be turned in ASAP for the Nov. congregational meeting.

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

- Position remains vacant
- WELCA – No report
- Brotherhood – No report
- Mickey Shuster – Val Requested approval for a Chili Dinner fundraiser for Mickey Schuster, it was approved.

### **\*PROPERTY:**

- Boiler needs cleaned. The new chemical water supplier is coming and will go over the new products and cleaning procedure.
- There is a steam leak in the big kitchen it is being worked on. They will also have to check the repair behind the #1Boiler once they are lit for the winter. A safety check valve on Boiler#2 needs replaced.
- Photocell on the ground light is not working. It remains on and is wasting electricity. Stan temporarily shut off the power and will repair it soon.
- Hot water tank in the small kitchen needs replaced. The instant heat style that was looked into has gone up significantly in price so they will stick with the traditional type.

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

- Outreach will pay for the Reformation Luncheon. There will be a free will offering as well.
- Thanksgiving food baskets are being organized and list of names being reviewed. Donations will be accepted in the coming months. Bill will ask for a Thrivent Grant again.

### **\*WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- Council reviewed meeting minutes prior to tonight's meeting.
- Reformation service is set.
- Budget is submitted and cut by \$2900.
- Start of church has been late several Sundays due to many announcements, the committee is looking into ways to get service started closer to 11:00
- A contract/agreement will be made up for Scott Burns. We will continue to track his hours for tax purposes.

### **\*PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made numerous calls and visits again this month.
- Pastor was asked to be on the "Ecumenical Committee of the North East Ohio Synod"
- Pastor is now doing one service a month at "Shepherd of the Valley".
- (Pastor is Chairman of this subcommittee) Met with daycare on 10-2-17 and they have agreed to pay \$500.00 per month from Oct. 2017-March 2018. The rent will then go up to \$700.00 for April 2018-Dec. 2018. JJ Losasso made a motion to accept this offer, Val was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion carried

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

- **Nominations Committee:** No Report. Still looking for Parish Life Chairperson
- **Mutual Ministry Committee:** Salaries need to be reviewed. Mutual ministry has met and will be reviewing the salaried employees.

### **PRESIDENT:**

- \_No Report

**\*OLD BUSINESS:**

- Can we ask the Nominating Committee to find someone for Parish Life Committee?
- Motion was made by Stacey Wollett to remove the specific committee responsibilities on pages 35-38 of the constitution. Val was second and the motion carried.

**\*NEW BUSINESS:**

- The gentleman who bought the old church on Ridge Avenue contacted Lloyd and asked if we still wanted the cornerstone. He wants \$8000.00 for it. He also mentioned we could purchase the entire building for \$20,000.00.

**\*CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:47PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Valerie DeMartino