

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 13th 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

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

ABSENT: Brian Klase

DEVOTION: What we are thankful for & Psalm 107

*Motion to accept minutes from Oct. 16th, 2018 meeting by Helen Pelton, 2nd by Stacey Wollet. Motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***CHRISTIAN ED:**

- Sunday November 18, 2018 at 6:00 will be the cleanup of the big closet. It must be done then to go through all the Christmas decorations to see what needs to be pitched. The items to be pitched in the basement are already marked by Beth.
- November 25th, Sunday from 5:30-8:00 we will decorate the church for Christmas evening. There will be sloppy joes, chips, veggie tray. Children will be making Christmas ornaments for shut-ins and perhaps if enough to give to the nursing homes we visit for Christmas caroling.
- During Advent, youth adopt a family or have a giving tree to be determined.
- December 2, 2018 is the Munch and Paint wine bottle after church at 1:00. Cost is \$25 per person and there will be a 50/50 raffle. Signups necessary. Food for the luncheon will be as follows:
 - Rhonda: oriental chicken salad
Elaine: tossed salad
 - Beth: Sam's Club chicken salad, croissants, chips, cookies Marilyn
W. pasta salad
- December 9, 2018 Youth Lead Service at 8:30 and 11:00. Children doing almost all parts of both services and will be treated to breakfast between services.
- December 16, 2018 Christmas Program and St. Lucia
- December 16, 2018 Pizza, chips, and beverages after church for all going Christmas caroling at Shepherd of the Valley sites in Boardman at 1:00. Signups will be necessary to accommodate food needs. Beth will get together song sheets for all participators.
- January 26, 2019, Saturday, 6-8:30 disc jockey dance. Rhonda will ask her brother-in-law to be the disc jockey in return for free rent of hall February 8th for a birthday party. Exchange of services: PLEASE APPROVE, COUNCIL! Val moved to approve, Bill was second and the motion carried.
- February: roller skating date to be chosen

- Pastor will check into an ecumenical series of church visits for youth.
- Survey to be given to youth to mark activities in which interested to continue youth outreach.

***COMMUNICATION:**

- No meeting this month.

***FINANCE:**

- Finalized proposed 2019 budget.
- Worked with Debbie on FSA Healthcare Contributions that should be deducted from Pastor's pay.
- Worked with Debbie on layout for 2019 Treasurers Report, to reflect budgeted income and expenses separate from designated income and expenses.
- Withdrew the remaining \$12,423.62 from Ruth Burkey annuity in order to cover last payroll.
- No Treasures Report due to moving council meeting up a week.
- Flood insurance is in place and paid for the year.

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

- Continue to enter weekly attendance and contact people absent for 3, 6, and 9 weeks. Pastor calls those who are absent for 12 weeks.
- Two guests, Dawn Cobb and William Shanbarger, wish to become new members. There are also 2 more that Pastor mentioned.

***PROPERTY:**

- The parts have been ordered to fix the bathroom light and Stan will fix Thanksgiving week.
- There are no other issues or problems at this time. We still need to set date with Beth for cleanup in both areas.
- The water sensor is hooked up and a call list has been put together. The monitor needs to be in a safe location where it can't be moved. Brian is looking at building a little shelf for it.

***OUTREACH (Formerly WELCOME):**

- Mickey Schuster and Outreach Committees met to discuss the finalized figures for the pasta dinner that was held on Saturday, October 13th . The total income was \$1,046.82. After the expenses were deducted a profit of \$678.09 was made to split between the committees. Outreach decided to take \$150.00 to put into the church picnic sub account and give the rest to the Mickey Schuster fund.
- Outreach Committee will be handing out Thanksgiving Food Baskets to those in need on November 16, 2018. We did not ask the congregation for donations. Bill Conkey applied

for a \$250.00 grant from Thrivent and was approved. This will be used to purchase the food for the baskets.

***WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- New hymnals are in the pews. With One Voice will now be under the pews where the bibles used to be.
- The bulletin has been redesigned and decreased to 8 pages. This will save money for printing. A monthly insert will be handed out weekly and returned for use the rest of the month.
- Dec. 23rd there will be one service at 10:00 with the Cantata. Instrumentalists were paid by a donation from JoAnn Johnson and a small amount left from the purchase of the new hymnals.

***PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made 35 calls.
- Possible 4 new members to join
- Starting a Wednesday 2:00 catechism study. Eight participants attending.
- Pastor will conduct a Thanksgiving service at Martin Luther.
- Dec 10th and 11th pastor will attend a continuing education seminar.

***OLD BUSINESS:**

- Annual Congregational Meeting needs to be in the weekly bulletin 3 times and in the newsletter once. A date of January 15th was decided on. We will need to vote on new members of council and approve the budget.
- We discussed what vacancies we would need to fill and potential people to fill them. A suggestion box will be placed in the narthex for nominees.

***NEW BUSINESS:**

- Pastor would like to hold hands or shoulders during the Lord's Prayer. People might be more receptive to shoulders at least during the flu season.

***CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:40PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Valerie DeMartino