

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 17th, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

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

**ABSENT:** Brian Klase and Helen Pelton

**DEVOTION:** Devotion from the Red Hymnal.

\*Motion to accept minutes, with one correction from March 20, 2018 by Al Thompson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lloyd Murray. Motion was carried

Jeff Kulow asked on behalf of Nancy Kuivila if we can raise the fee for Georgette for making funeral bulletins. Elaine moved to increase Georgette's fee from \$15 to \$25. Beth was second and the motion was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**\*CHRISTIAN ED:**

- There will be family bowling at Camelot Lanes on Sunday afternoon May 6, 2018, at 1:00. for \$10 per person, each participant will have two hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop.
- April 8, 2018 had a good turnout for the pancake breakfast at St. Charles in support of Norah Sabella.
- Vacation Bible School: meeting will be held this week for combined Bethel, St. Charles, and Westminster Churches. VBS will probably be at Bethel again as St. Charles has a new Christian Ed person. The date is yet to be determined.
- Ryan will submit a material list to make picnic tables by mid May so that Beth Lowe can hopefully write a Thrivent grant to pay for the materials. The tentative date to make the tables is August 5th or 11th. Ryan wants to wait until then so that Joey and Teddy will have some experience with building from the Mission Trip.
- As April is Autism Awareness month, t-shirts were sold as a fundraiser. April 29th will be the Sunday Autism Awareness date at church.
- The Mission Trip will be going to Point Pleasant, West Virginia July 7-14, 2018. Ten people are going with two youth from Bethel, Teddy and Joey. The Bethel Youth fund is paying half of the cost for Teddy and Joey.
- Confirmation will held on Pentecost, May 20th.
- Mother's Day will be celebrated in church on May 13th.
- Father's Day will be celebrated in church on May 20th as Sunday School is not in session in June. A pen with a scripture will be given to dads.
- We are still working on having children also speak one Sunday a month in church. Perhaps they will be ready to say John 3:16 on April 22nd or May 13th.

- Ask Mark to work on chords for kids' bells.
- Will try to have a youth led service next year, perhaps late fall.
- Tutoring program for West Boulevard students will be held April 18, 25, and May 2, 9. Then the program will be over.
- Adult Ed: devotionals are on the table in the hall by the office. (Christ for All Seasons, Christ in Our Home)
- Adult Bible Study will be April 12, 19, 26th at 7:00.
- Lutheran Men in Mission will be meeting on April 28th.

**\*COMMUNICATION:**

- There were no meeting minutes for March.

**\*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.
- Treasurer's report: Total General Fund monthly income for March 2018 17,400.81. Budgeted monthly income needed to meet yearly budget \$21,785.75. Leaving us (\$4,384.94) minus income to meet yearly budget.
- Total General Fund expenses March \$16,769.93. Budgeted monthly expenses \$21,785.75. Leaving us with \$5,015.82 spent under budget for the month.
- March income exceeded March expenses by \$630.88
- Total Income for 2018 \$50,399.44 leaving a deficit to meet budget of (\$14,957.81) after 3 months.
- Total Expenses for 2018 \$61,497.63 leaving us with \$3,859.62 over budgeted expenses.
- Finance Committee discussed James and Son Church insurance proposal. which came in at \$4879.00 a decrease of \$2,468.00 from last year and \$567.50 less than Church Mutual. This proposal has a \$2,000,000.00 property evaluation difference, but on the other hand has General liabilities differ in some cases. Talked to Church Mutual and got re quote of \$4,898.00. One week left to because original quote was 60 days. Val made a motion to get insurance through Church Mutual and Elaine was second. The motion carried.
- Transferred \$10,000.00 from Thrivent savings (Ruth Burkey) to general fund.
- Suggested that we push on-line giving.
- Received 63.46 refund from AT&T.
- Altar Flowers (\$202.25) not collected.
- Looking at stewardship program for this fall.

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

- There were no meeting minutes for April.

**\*PROPERTY:**

- Stan has started the work on the pipes for the boiler since the boilers aren't continually being run.
- We have not received pricing from Jensen Lock so we are planning on having Allied Lock do the work for the new panic bar. We will also check pricing for an electrified lock at the daycare door. The expense for this will be covered by the daycare.

- We are ordering replacement bulbs for the sanctuary can lights. The extra supplies are all used up.
- We had water backup in the drains twice in the large kitchen which required having a drain service called.
- Pole light in parking lot next to dumpster is out and will require an electrical company with a boom truck to repair.

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

- On March 24<sup>th</sup> sixteen food baskets were distributed to families in need. The food basket account balance is currently \$746.21.
- A sign-up sheet was passed around at the 11:00 service on April 15<sup>th</sup> to get volunteers for serving dinner at the Rescue Mission on the last Saturday in April, May and June. We still need volunteers to fill each month. I would like to have this passed around at the early service on April 22<sup>nd</sup> or at least an announcement made for volunteers to sign up on the sign up sheet located on the Welcome table in the Narthex.
- A notification was sent to the Vindicator, WFMJ and the radio stations as well as Beth and Georgette to inform them of the cancellation of the drive thru dinners until further notice.

**\*WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- There was no formal meeting of the worship committee this month.
- A major repair is needed for the organ, the chimes need to be retied. It will cost \$450.00 and the cost can be covered by the Memorial Fund. There is money set aside in the Memorial Fund for this purpose.
- Discussed decreasing the number of eternal lights from 3 to 2. This will save us some money.
- There will be a geranium sale again this year.
- We had a long discussion regarding the new Red Hymnals. We will proceed with getting funds to cover the cost. Beth will apply for Thrivent grants in her name and in Roy's also. We will request 75 books from the Memorial fund. Lastly, we will reach out to the congregation for books to purchase in honor or memory of someone. These books will have a name plate reflecting who it was honoring or remembering. Elaine made a motion to move forward with purchasing the red hymnals and Val was second. We will only purchase as many as the funds we collect will cover. Motion was passed with only one vote against.

**\*PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made only 25 calls and visits this month because he was sick with the Flu.
- Synod Assembly is June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Pastor plans to ask Robert Zeikle to attend with him. He still needs one female member to attend.

**\*OLD BUSINESS:**

- Worship committee is still in need of 2 wireless microphones. They will try to use technology funds to purchase these. Beth will send Val some information on these and see if we can get a discount through the guitar center.

**\*NEW BUSINESS:**

- Endowment has allocated about \$10,000.00 to local charities in Bethel's name.

**\*CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:43PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Valerie DeMartino