

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 15th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

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

ABSENT: None

DEVOTION: From Bonhoffer, Psalm 119 about Paradox.

*Motion to accept minutes from April 17th, 2018 by Al Thompson and 2nd by Helen Pelton. Motion was carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***CHRISTIAN ED:**

- On Sunday, May 6, we had a Family Bowling Day at Camelot Lanes in Boardman. We had 13 people attend and it was a really fun day. We suggested holding future ones in a different month for better attendance.
- Talked about needing a new plan and teacher for Jr./Sr. High class for the Fall. Beth will talk to some people and do some research this summer for a possible change in curriculum. New kids coming into the class and we want to make it more relevant. Ryan is not sure if he can teach full time next school year, so we need to find a new teacher.
- The Westminster/Bethel Youth Group is selling roses this Sunday, the 13th for Mother's Day. \$2.00 for one and \$5.00 for 3. They will be selling after church. The money will go towards this summer's mission trip to Point Pleasant, West Virginia.
- Plans are in the making for a summer cookout/outdoor movie here at Bethel. Will figure out a date and will finalize the plans soon.
- Vacation Bible School is July 16-20th. 10:00 to 12:30 at Bethel. Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus is the theme. All three churches are involved: St. Charles, Westminster, and Bethel. We ordered a kit this year and cost will be divided between the churches. Will need helpers.

***COMMUNICATION:**

- Phone Tree, support agreement due on June 6,2018. Original amount \$372.00 annually reduced to \$250.00. We will stay with this company.
- Web Site, Pastor Kidds sermons are posted weekly, need to announce available.
- Mission of the Month, post on web site by responsible committee. New members, need addresses listed in bulletin for posting in directory.
- Council minutes posted on bulletin board.

***FINANCE:**

- Insurance was switched to Church Mutual. James and Sons were contacted for a refund. They told Bill he would have to contact Mennonite directly.
- Treasurer's report got messed up due to an issue with the dates. They are currently working to fix it.
- The church credit card will be expiring soon. They are looking to switch companies. They are looking for one with no annual fee and maybe cash back bonuses. It will be put into Bethel's name and not an individual name.

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

- No new business
 - Old business
 - Adding Volunteers to Time and Talent sheet and will always alert a council chair when added so they can call and welcome a new volunteer
 - I did an unofficial survey and some members feel left out if not contacted
 - Work will continue on the membership update letter because...
 - Ultimately we will need this info for a new directory!!!!
 - last directory 2015
 - While doing my "unofficial" survey of the time and talent sheet...some members really do not know what it is for.
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***PROPERTY:**

- Faucet in big kitchen has been leaking and is being replaced by Stan along with drain and water lines.
- Replacement of lighting fixture in daycare area.
- We received pricing for sealing parking lots from SealPro and discussed with committee and we decided to wait till next year. The price for sealing was \$3975
- I met with Allied Lock to review the scope of work for new panic bars and both of us agreed upon work being done. I will get a date for installation and pass it on to those involved and that will affect.
- Batteries for our floor scrubber are bad and I am checking into replacement ones for it. The scrubber doesn't operate at all without them.
- Pricing for light bulbs thru out the church is being looked into and will purchase some so we have them for ones that burn out. Our attic stock of them have all been used.

***OUTREACH (Formerly WELCOME):**

- The Outreach Committee briefly met and went over planning for the annual church picnic. The picnic will be held at Boardman Park on Sunday, August 12, 2018. We have the Master's Pavilion reserved and it was paid for in advance in 2017.
- A sign-up sheet for the Rescue Mission for volunteers to serve dinner has been filled for May and June.

***WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- Met with Janet Conkey and requested monies for 75 hymnals, Communion assistant robes, Acolyte robes, Two Microphones for Praise Band and beyond.
- Discussed presentation, letter and order form for new Hymnals.
- Will make a choir schedule for next year as this year
- Song leaders for summer and beyond
- Chose hymns for summer services
- Order of service for the summer
- Will contact and line up song leaders for summer services

***PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made 30 calls and visits again this month.
- There was 1 funeral and there may be another.
- Max Rassega, Colin Thomas and Erica Johnson will make their confirmation.
- Robert Zielke and Shelia Kidd will attend the annual conference with Pastor.

***OLD BUSINESS:**

- Beth had a question for Bill about a church year calendar for 2019. The order was for 12 of them and they are all on a single page. The cost was \$10 dollars plus an additional \$5 in shipping. Could these be ordered somewhere else for less cost? Also, no requisition was given to Beth and it was coming out of her funds.
- Lloyd asked if the Mutual Ministry Committee had met again. No one was 100% certain since no members were present.
- We are still missing one annual report to be put in the combined report.
- Lloyd also wanted to look into new window coverings for fellowship hall. He also wants to consider redecorating the main hallway as a continuation of the other renovations made to Memorial Hall.

***NEW BUSINESS:**

- Request from Ron Anderson to be removed from our membership list. Bill made a motion to approve this, Brian was second and the motion passed.

***CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:20PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Valerie DeMartino