

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 15th 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

PRESENT: Bill Conkey, Val DeMartino, Elaine Kamps, Pastor Kidd, Elaine Morlan, Lloyd Murray, Al Thompson, Helen Pelton, Jeff Kulow and Brian Klase. Also in attendance from Mutual Ministry: Sandy Dorman and MaryAnn Wollet

ABSENT:

DEVOTION: Bible Verse Matthew 28. Also Pastor wants us to attend a retreat to focus on our mission.

*Motion to accept minutes from Aug. 2018 meeting by Brian Klase, 2nd by Elaine Morlan. Motion was carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***MUTUAL MINISTRY:**

- A report of the annual evaluations was given.
- Candy Rusinowski will be approached as a possible replacement for Elaine Kamps who is now the chair of the Worship Committee.

***CHRISTIAN ED:**

- January 26, 2019 Winter Wonderland Dance 6:00-8:30 DJ providing music for families - Rhonda: will bring decorations for tables (wreathes with hurricane lamps, white snowflakes), dip, pop, snowman pinata, candy

Beth: white tablecloths, Chic Filet gift card for whoever brings most friends, cookies, party cut pizza, chips, candy for pinata, stick, blindfold

Elaine: veggie tray, dip, candy for pinata

Marilyn: candy for pinata, pop

***Be there at 3:00 to decorate

- February 24, 2019 1:00 Roller Skating Family Party yet to be confirmed with Skate Connection (Beth to try again to contact them)
- March 5, 2019 Fat Tuesday for Pancake Mardi Gras Supper
Elaine will approach Shane and Eric to help Rhonda make sausage and pancakes. Be there around 3:00 to begin cooking.
- Beth to give survey to kids for choices of activities
- Find out about possibility of having a Mystery Theater event for family fellowship. Possibility of committee doing the cooking and having a group come in to do the mystery event as a fundraiser
- Possible youth lead service again in May; look for music that teen group may wish to sing together every few months

- Vacation Bible School looking at dates with St. Charles (who should host) and Westminster
- Looking at Youth Retreat with Grace Lutheran of Hubbard, Ohio at a retreat in Pulaski, PA at the Villa Marie Center July 7-12
 - Sunday to Friday 9:00-4:30 kids work painting, landscaping, work groups; cost \$100 per child to be paid with youth fund
 - Kids to bring around \$35 spending money
 - Kids will work with sponsors from Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, Youngstown Community Organizations, local churches in area provide dinner for kids each evening then there will be swimming and campfires etc.
 - Beth is looking into more info with Grace Lutheran to determine age requirements etc.

***COMMUNICATION:**

- Lloyd asked each committee to write up a small summary about their committee for the newsletter

***FINANCE:**

- December 2018 Monthly Treasures Report: Income \$38,344.00 – Expenses \$23,480.00– \$14,844.00. Monthly budget \$21,784.00 spent over budget (\$1,669.00) received \$16,660.00 over need budget.
- Year to date Treasures as of December 30, 2018: Income \$271,030.00 – Expenses \$263,307.00 – (\$7,722).
- Capital Balance \$20,364.73
- Thrivent Mortgage Balance as of Dec. 31 2018 \$60,699.56.
- Technology Fund Balance \$6931.20.
- General Fund pledges for 2019 \$104,002.00. 50 giving units
- Capital Improvement Fund pledges for 2019 \$14,356.00 31 giving units.
- Contacted ELCA Federal Credit Union about ministry credit card. Will have more information after we also check if we can obtain a corporate credit card from Chase Bank.

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

- Contacted Pastor Richard and Bill Conkey RE: Meeting in February 2019 to update the membership list (Active, inactive, shutins etc). The list will be checked twice a year, after Easter and Christmas.
- In February a letter will be mailed to members we haven't heard from in 6 months or more.
- Will try to put a Time and Talent Sheet in the February newsletter with a little note on how to fill it out and where to turn it in.
- So far we are seeing more attendance sheets filled out.
- The accurate head count is the one provided by the ushers and printed in the monthly newsletter.

***PROPERTY:**

- Stan is looking into issue we are having with sensors for our chemicals for the boilers. We may have to replace the sensors at a cost of approximately \$400.00. Prout will be called to diagnose the problem and give an estimate.
- The hot water tank is leaking in the small kitchen and is off right now looking into replacing with a larger tank in which will be less expensive. This was just replaced 3 years ago and is already leaking. Bill reminded Brian that we will need to get 3 estimates for repair/replacement.
- A small leak in the roof has been noticed in the back area of the sanctuary and will have to be looked at, weather providing. This is not under warranty. SRI will come and give us an estimate for repairs.
- The organ had been tuned the month before.
- We need to look at installing a banister by the choir loft to help some of the choir members with the steps. Also a light might need added.
- The doorbell by Georgette has been repaired.

***OUTREACH (Formerly WELCOME):**

- There was no meeting this month

***WORSHIP AND MUSIC:**

- For Lent we will not be doing the round robin this year. The theme will be "God's Promises".
- Soup suppers may be replaced with dessert and Hors d'Oeuvres.
- Lenten services will be advertised in the Boardman area. Bill will try to get a Thrivent grant to provide money for postcards to be mailed.
- An Easter Cantata is being discussed. Elaine talked to Tim Elder from Lord of Life and we may do something together. Potential date is Palm Sunday in the afternoon or on another Sunday in the evening.
- Elaine wants to have a guest book that people can sign during special events. We can then send them a thank you as they are potential new members.

***PASTORS REPORT:**

- Made 30calls.
- Performed the Peterson funeral service.
- Performed a Wedding ceremony on the 5th.
- Catechism will be on Wednesdays at 2:00.
- Pastor will be on a retreat Jan. 21-24.

***OLD BUSINESS:**

- The new bulletins have caused numerous complaints. Worship was asked to take another look at this.
- Question arose if we had enough people in attendance at the annual meeting for a quorum? We did according to Bill and Brian.

***NEW BUSINESS:**

- Audits to be performed on all books. They need to be brought to the office by February 10th.
- Annual reports are due by February 1st.
- Camp Frederick annual corporate dues will be coming due soon. Endowment usually covers this cost as an outreach.
- All committees need to start looking for replacements for positions ending in December of this year.
- Need potential candidates for the nominating and auditing committees.
- Installation of council members will be February 3rd at the 11:00 service.
- Potential solution to giving all staff members a raise was discussed. It will be discussed further next month.

***CLOSING:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:46PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Valerie DeMartino