

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 11, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hal Fisher, Kathy Hammer for Sandi Gilbertson, Art Grochow, Pastor Erika, Jenn Plummer, Cyndy Gustafson, Becky DeVries, Pastor Julé, Leslie Rohde

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Al Hunt, Jeff Beyer, Cindy Borchert, Pat Pithey

**GUESTS PRESENT:** April Finnie and Mentor Char Oehlke

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM by President Hal Fisher

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Cyndy Gustafson- Connected 3

**MO0417-01**

**APPROVAL: March 14, 2017 MINUTES** as amended

Motion to accept: Cyndy G. Second: Becky (Motion carried)

**MO0417-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT** - Update as of March 31, 2017.

Approved & submit for audit

Motion to approve: Al Hunt Second: Cindy Borchert (Motion carried)

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$32,338.29
- March ~~Surplus~~/**Deficit** = \$(19,450)
- Checking Account Balance = \$(15,610.74)
- Savings Account Balance = \$67.15
- Building Fund Balance = \$4,808.16
- Capital Improvement = \$ 4,921.56
- Landscaping = \$1,341.73
- Benevolences were paid

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Staff Update – Custodian Brian Finnie and office coordinator Ashley Peterson have been hired. Jay Erickson part time as needed for IT.
2. Pastor Erika gone June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 10
3. Pastor Erika gone May 15-20 for Professional Development
4. Synod has received the review report and a compilation of results should be available in time for the May council meeting. A meeting has been scheduled June 19 from noon to 2 pm with community, business, school leaders as well as ministerial leaders at Prantes.
5. Volunteer fatigue was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Summer worship schedule starts Sunday May 28 – 9 am service only
2. June 3-4 Synod Assembly – 5 voting members from congregation Hal, Diane, Art, Sandi and Pat to attend as well as visitors Leslie, Nick, Linda. Others might also be attending. Church office to arrange for registration and rooms.
3. **Board Reports** Each board to be responsible to provide minutes to office coordinator within 1 week of the board meeting.

Board of Outreach –Becky DeVries – reviewed minutes

Willing to help with Drive in Diner

May 2 and May 15<sup>th</sup> will pack backpacks

Noisy offering will be matched up to \$400 to the Wahpeton and Breckenridge schools for snacks

Women United to be hosted by Cyndy Gustafson May 2 5:30-7. \$10 donation goes to the backpack program

New member Sunday April 23. Sponsors needed for several families.

Board of Stewardship. – reviewed minutes

No report

Board of Education – Cyndy Gustafson – reviewed minutes

Added members to the sub committees

June 27- July 1, 2018 youth gathering in Houston Texas \$1500 per student. Fundraising will be ongoing.

Students working on fundraising for Global Missions Well water project

Drive in Diner in the park June 8

Board of Property – Al– reviewed minutes

Board of Lay – Jenn Plummer – reviewed minutes

Staff appreciation April 26

Soundboard operators are needed. Perhaps becomes a paid position

4. Volunteer appreciation dinner May 10. Hoe down theme! Childcare will be provided

5. **Other** –

Future dates:

May 13 – Visit to Rosholt Winery

June 8 – Drive in Diner

June 12-15 – Vacation Bible School

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

**Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday June 13, 2017 6:30 pm**

**Spiritual direction next meeting:** Connected Chapter 5

**Respectfully submitted,** Sandi Gilbertson Secretary-Treasurer