

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

**January 11, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cindy Borchert; Al Hunt; Sandi Gilbertson; Hal Fisher; Art Grochow, Jeff, Pastor Erika, Jenn Plummer, Kathy Johnson, Hattie Mauch for Becky DeVries, Pastor Julé

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Leslie Rhode

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:35 PM by President Hal**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Pastor Erika**

**MO0117-01**

**APPROVAL: December 13, 2016 MINUTES**

Motion to accept: Al Hunt                      Second: Jeff (Motion carried)

**MO0117-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT - Update as of December 31, 2016.**

Approved & submit for audit

Motion to approve: Cindy Borchert              Second: Kathy Johnson

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$43,242.36
  - November ~~Surplus~~/**Deficit** = \$12,393.91
  - Checking Account Balance = \$6,047.90
  - Savings Account Balance = \$67.15
  - Building Fund Balance = \$5,373.16
  - Capital Improvement = \$4,921.56
  - Landscaping = \$1,341.73
  - Benevolences were paid
- (liability is: add the loan of \$6,000 add the assessments of \$2,356.13, \$0.01 and 0.31 for interest)

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Employee leave policy – sabbatical leave, parental leave, updates
2. End of year budget
3. Review nominating process
  - a. Nominating committee is Art Grachow, Jule Ballinger,

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Board Reports** Each board to be responsible to provide minutes to Alveda within 1 week of the board meeting.

Board of Outreach –Hattie Mauch - minutes reviewed  
Did not meet in December

No report from Global Missions

Board of Ed – Kathy – minutes reviewed

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles went well

Wednesday school went well

Ordering next session curriculum for Wednesday school

Next week Freshman mentor activity

Adult Ed is God's Not Dead II Movie

End of Month on the 31<sup>st</sup> – Cup of Theology at Dakota Coffee

Board of Property – Al– reviewed minutes

Policy for borrowing church items is done

Leak in Pastor Jule's office was fixed

Ceiling tiles are in

Bids for wireless door sensors

Bids for cameras

Website will be updated – it will be set up to stream later, more mobile friendly, ease of administrator use and the look of it will be revamped

Board of Lay – Jenn Plummer – reviewed minutes

Prayer stations went well

Christmas Eve service went well- good comments about 2, 4 and 10

Christmas day attendance was low – (snow storm)

Board of Stewardship – Cindy Borchert – reviewed minutes

Prayer pamphlets

Each month February- love with praise and gratitude March- Praise Christ April/May- Proclaiming Christ

## **2. 2017 Budget**

**3. Security** – update on vandalism – cameras and door sensors – checking on insurance to see if it would cover any of this

**4. Possible capital campaign** (organ, Newman Center, flooring, etc.) Organ that has keys that don't work, what it means to be Bethel and what our purpose is, flooring is original, communion accessibility is a concern – options Synod review, capital campaign gentleman (expense but potential results), Visioning –begin with the end in mind, prioritize the list of what needs to be done first – will throw this out in some format at the annual meeting.

**5. Contact Synod office to do a Synod review** – Jule is working on this she is calling Keith Z tomorrow (1-12-17)

**6. Annual meeting overview/format**

**7. Other** – invite new members to your boards Art and Jule have the list – read chapter 1 of Connected for the next meeting

## **REMINDER: Annual report typed and emailed by December 16 to Alveda**

Future dates:

January 29 – Annual meeting at 10:10

February 9 – Gwinner - 6:30 dessert – service and then Bishop will be speaking – State of Eastern ND and visions for the future

February 12 – Leadership retreat 1-7 pm

January 20 – Beacon articles are due

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Meeting adjourned

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday February 15 meeting 7:30 pm**

**Annual Meeting: Sunday January 29, 2017 at 10:10 fellowship hall**

**Spiritual direction next meeting:** Connected with Jule

**Respectfully submitted,** Kathy Hammer for Sandi Gilbertson Secretary-Treasurer