

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

**March 14, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Al Hunt, Sandi Gilbertson, Art Grochow, Jeff Beyer, Pastor Erika, Jenn Plummer, Cindy Gustafson ,  
Becky DeVries, Pastor Julé, Leslie Rhode, Cindy Borchert, and Pat Pithey

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Gaylord Hibl, Shea Truesdell, Melissa Schumacher, Cade Mauch, Carla Sheely

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 PM by Art Grochow

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS**

Presentation by Gaylord Hibl from the Boy Scouts – presentation of chartered organization plaque

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Jenn Plummer - Connected

**MO0317-01**

**APPROVAL: February 15, 2017 MINUTES** as amended

Motion to accept: Becky DeVries Second: Al Hunt (Motion carried)

**MO0317-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT** - Update as of February 28, 2017.

Approved & submit for audit

Motion to approve: Jeff Beyer Second: Cindy Borchert

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$31,911.50
- February ~~Surplus~~/**Deficit** = \$(18,945.38)
- Checking Account Balance = \$(12,897.48)
- Savings Account Balance = \$67.15
- Building Fund Balance = \$4,528.16
- Capital Improvement = \$ 4,921.56
- Landscaping = \$1,341.73
- Benevolences were paid

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Synod Review – reviewed agenda for March 19

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. May 22, 2017 through August 21, 2017 Pastor Jule will be on Sabbatical
2. Staff update
  - a. Have not hired anyone for office or custodial – in the process of interviewing throughout this week
3. **Board Reports** Each board to be responsible to provide minutes to Alveda within 1 week of the board meeting.

Board of Outreach –Beck DeVries – reviewed minutes

Met February 16 and went over backpack program – emphasis for this month is juice boxes – times are reserved for Bethel to pack the backpacks on May 2 at 10:00 at May 15 at 7:30 PM

School outreach is ongoing - \$69.49 on donations (noisy offering March through May for school lunch tickets) The board of outreach agreed it was ok to use noisy offering. This would be for both Breckenridge and Wahpeton.

Served Lenten supper.

Looking at April 23 for new member Sunday.

Interaction between new members and their sponsors.  
Discussed goals for the year.  
Going to work on NDSCS

Board of outreach. – Cindy Borchert  
Worked on goals  
Working on giving envelopes for the pews  
Working on setting up a Kiosk for accepting offering  
April/May working on blankets with the fifth graders  
Serving Lenten meal on March 22

Board of Education – Cyndy Gustafson – reviewed minutes  
Met February 21  
Dana Kasowski will be the recorder  
Will start meetings with looking at goals. A good model for boards to use.  
The senior recognition will remain at the 9:00 service.  
Confirmation and youth programs they went to Sky Zone – 24 jumpers. Leslie is planning a campership fundraiser that will be a carnival after the 11:00 service on April 30. There will be an end of the year event for Wednesday school  
Adult Ed – Michelle Eberhardt spoke in February will speak in April on diabetes in April. Martin Luther has run two of the three weeks. This coming Sunday will be postponed out one week due to the Synod review.  
Planning for the summer to go to Trollwood for families to see Beauty and the Beast and to the Red Hawks game.  
The fifth graders brought Valentines to the Leech home residents.  
Lisa's Sunday morning program is going very well during the Children's' sermons. During Lent, she is having the fifth graders practice taking sermon notes. First communion will be in April. Lisa is encouraging students to bring a friend on Wednesdays.  
Talked about having free meals for the college students on the third Wednesday of the month, now doing it every Wednesday if they bring their college id.

Board of Property – Al– reviewed minutes  
Outlets will be installed in the kitchen for the coffee maker that was donated. May cost \$300-\$400. We are having some vacuum issues that need to be resolved. Working on organize a project day for ceiling and crown molding.  
Next Wednesday is their Lenten meal.  
Preventative maintenance on the boiler was done and back in summer to do AC.

Board of Lay – Jenn Plummer – reviewed minutes  
Last month passed around the Lenten meal sign-up sheet. Call Joyce week before you serve.  
Put together a party for Janna.  
Easter music needs to be scheduled.  
There is a card that goes into the pews that says we love kids and we love families. It's a welcome to help them understand we want them here.

#### **4. Other –**

- a. Reminder to call Joyce for Lenten meals.
- b. Train on how to do the radio broadcast.
- c. Wedding coordinators need to know who can run the soundboards.

Future dates:  
Synod Review March 19  
No Beacon for the month of April  
Possibility of Spring Cleaning.

#### **Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Meeting adjourned

**Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday April 11 meeting 6:30 pm**

**Spiritual direction next meeting: Connected Chapter 2 Cyndy Gustafson**

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