

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

**October 10, 2017**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hal Fisher, Cindy Borchert, Al Hunt, Art Grochow, Pastor Erika, Jenn Plummer, Cyndy Gustafson, Becky DeVries, Kathy Hammer for Sandi Gilbertson, Pat Pithey; Pastor Julé

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:40 PM by Executive Director Hal Fisher

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS – no guests**

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** Pastor Julé - review of Sabbatical Part 2 – Wilderness topic

**MO1017-01**

**APPROVAL: September 13, 2017 MINUTES**

Motion to accept: Art Grochow                      Second: Jenn Plummer                      (Motion carried)

**MO1017-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT - Update as of September 30, 2017.**

Approved & submit for audit

Missy will be asked to explain some of the reports at the next meeting.

Motion to approve: Art Grochow    Second: Cindy Borchert

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$35,983.50
- Year to Date ~~Surplus~~/**Deficit** = \$-44,094.42
- Checking Account Balance = -\$38,046.52
- Savings Account Balance = \$67.15
- Building Fund Balance = \$5,247.16
- Capital Improvement = \$ 1,338.22
- Landscaping = \$1,941.73
- Benevolences were paid

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Synod Review Feedback** – Keith Zeh will be here Wednesday October 18 and Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> to preach during worship services.
2. **Nominating Committee** – 7 voting members are needed plus Pastor Julé. Art Grochow, Cindy Borchert and Al Hunt will serve. Several names were discussed and will be asked.
3. **Budgets** – Each board to submit their 2018 budget requests by November 1. Board of Property submitted theirs.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Board Reports** Each board to be responsible to provide minutes to office coordinator within 1 week of the board meeting. betheloffice@bethelwahpeton.com

Board of Outreach –Becky DeVries – School outreach ongoing. New member Sunday October 29. Welcomed new member Jaylyn Romereim.

Board of Stewardship. – Cindy Borchert – Missy spoke with their board about electronic giving through Vanco. Sunday is Commitment Sunday. Caramel rolls will be served between services.

Board of Education – Cyndy Gustafson – Youth director duties being worked on.  
Helpers have volunteered for Zoo Boo and Fall VBS.  
Youth gathering update – fundraisers going well and will be ongoing.

Board of Property – Al– According to the serviceman, the copy machine should make it at least 2 more years.  
Replacement Projector for sanctuary has been ordered.  
Joyce purchased a grill to be used for her business as well as Bethel events  
Ceiling will be completed this winter  
Computer equipment needs updating

Board of Lay – Jenn Plummer– Sound board operators needed and she has forwarded the need to Wahpeton High School and Breckenridge Public School  
2017 Christmas Eve services will be at 9 am, 2,4 and 10 pm.  
Their committee discussed the potential of swapping the 9 & 11 services periodically.

**2. Other:** 3 applications for the position for Youth Director have been received.

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

**Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm**

**Spiritual direction next meeting:** Becky DeVries

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

Dates and notables:

Commitment Sunday – October 15

New Member Sunday and Potluck- October 29

Nov 1-11 – Germany Trip (Pastors Jim and Julé)

Day of Hope presentation – Nov. 8 at 7 pm in Wahpeton High School Auditorium

Ministerial Service – November 19 at Breckenridge Lutheran

Pie Auction- November 19 10 am Bethel

Cookie prep and Cookie Bake – December 15,16 & 17.