

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT:

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

MISSION STATEMENT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Pastor Jule'

MO0917-01

APPROVAL: August 8, 2017 MINUTES

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

MO0917-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT - Update as of August 31, 2017.

Approved & submit for audit as amended

Motion to approve: Art Grachow Second: Cindy Borchert

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$26,732.50
- July ~~Surplus~~/**Deficit** = \$-40,527.34
- Checking Account Balance = -\$34,479.44
- Savings Account Balance = \$67.15
- Building Fund Balance = \$5147.16
- Capital Improvement = \$ 1338.22
- Landscaping = \$1741.73
- Benevolences were paid

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Synod review feedback team meeting report from Hal and Pat
 - a. Keith here to do a presentation during the church service on October 22
2. Staff retreat report from Erika
 - a. Retreat went well
 - i. Good planning done
 - ii. Had fun
 - iii. Good staff climate

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 – reviewed minutes
Gods work our hands (and Pat's thumb...almost)

Board of Stewardship. – Cindy Borchert - reviewed minutes

Board of Education – Cyndy Gustafson – reviewed minutes
Youth gathering update – fundraisers and committee put in place
Love and Logic starts tomorrow night
Need to fill a position for D Tischer – she resigned from the board
Rally Sunday next Sunday
12 Women of the Bible November 1st – Adult Ed
Jim will be available for grief support during the holidays
Erika, Lisa and Cyndy will meet to farm out the duties for the youth director

Board of Property – Al– reviewed minutes
There was a water leak coming out of the tunnel. A sump pump was put in. Think we have a leak in the irrigation system. The water bill has increased over the last two months. Will need to dig and find the break next spring.
The boiler room door needs to be replaced.
The lease is up on the copy machine. There is not a maintenance agreement.
Brian took out the divider walls and put up sheetrock.

Board of Lay – Jenn Plummer– reviewed minutes
Soundboard operators will be sent to the school for updates
Courtney Dimmer and Shea Gilbertson will do the nursery

2. Youth Director Plan

- a. Cyndy, Erika and Lisa will meet and delegate the duties for the Director of Youth Ministries position. Lisa has agreed to up her hours from 15-30. She is very interested in taking care of the events. We will advertise the position and begin the search again for that position.
- 3. Other** – The budget is worrisome. Have some great things going on at the church. We have a \$40,000 deficit. We are dire straights. But, need to be good stewards. People may be saying that we should not fill the youth director position. We are understaffed and youth bring good things to church. So we need to fill that position. How do we help the congregation understand what we need to do in order to increase the revenue. We need to put together ideas for names for people for boards for January. We need to put forward names for the nominating committee

MO0917-03 Approval to move forward with the BETHEL Love Sunday at the \$4000 budgeted and approved amount.

1st Becky DeVries 2nd Pat Pithey

Future dates:

Back to two services on September 17th

Rally Sunday on the 17th

First Wednesday night activities are September 20

Bethel will be hosting Love and Logic

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday October 10, 2017 6:30 pm

Spiritual direction next meeting: phase 2 Pastor Jule
Respectfully submitted, Sandi Gilbertson Secretary-Treasurer