

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hal Fisher, Cindy Borchert, Al Hunt, Art Grochow, Pastor Erika, Jenn Plummer, Sandi Gilbertson, Pat Pithey; Pastor Julé

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cyndy Gustafson, Becky DeVries

GUESTS PRESENT:

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

MISSION STATEMENT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS – no guests

MO1217-01

APPROVAL: November 14, 2017 MINUTES

Motion to accept: Art Grochow 2nd: Al Hunt (Motion carried)

MO1217-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT - Update as of November 30, 2017.

Approved & submit for audit

Motion to approve: Cindy Borchert Second: Pat Pithey (Motion carried)

• Nov envelope offering:	\$32,407.50
• Deficit:	(\$37,483.41)
• Checking acct balance:	(\$33,554.20)
• Saving acct balance:	\$67.15
• Building fund balance:	\$5,762.16
• Cap Imp fund balance:	\$1,338.22
• Landscaping fund balance:	\$1,869.73

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Pastor Julé – Germany Trip

OLD BUSINESS:

Finance discussion: deficit situation; not debt...discussed fundraising possibilities to expand beyond the walls of the church (congregation) into the community. Budget item specific possibly.

Nominating Committee (Art): Need 1 more for Board of Lay w/ six to call.

Outreach needs 1 more; Property, Education and Stewardship are covered.

Discussion: Many responses of able & willing 1 or 2 years out.

Listening Posts review: Held on Sun (26th) and Wed (29th) – reviewed notes and key messages and responses. Discussed next steps to advance process and gather more congregation insight.

Potluck with Purpose: (2 hour) possibly by topic (Board topics) will have Boards lead. Likely a Sunday afternoon (March 4). Problem identification and then seek & develop solution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Reports:

Stewardship: (Cindy) 133 pledges received / \$299 K; puzzle piece (each of us a piece of the whole) people have gotten it!

Property: (Al and Brian) Kitchen health inspection good (1 mention); boiler update (inspection) needs some gasket replacement and maintain an inventory; need to schedule staggered computer upgrades; need to locate the property video and the electronics inventory list (or re-create if not available)

Lay: (Jenn) Continue to identify soundboard operators – may be a paid position (\$15 per service)

Member Gift match / challenge: a second \$5K gift has been given.

Pastor Erika Plan: Working through 12/24; 1-week vacation and then maternity leave, return Tues Feb 27.

Synod Review Next Steps:

Church Building. Assessment; Capital Campaign planner (both no cost and a strategy starter); and Potluck with Purpose.

Agnes Kragness donation: Hal provided an update on the gift and the agreed stipulations.

Wells Fargo – safe deposit box renewal is due; Pat and Jule' will empty and plan to rent a box at Bell.

1. Other:

- a. Annual reports are due January 2 or earlier
- b. Beacon articles are due by December 20.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Spiritual direction next meeting:

Respectfully submitted, Pat Pithey and Sandi Gilbertson

Dates and notables:

January 28 Annual meeting

February 25 Leadership Retreat

March 4 – (Tentative date) Potluck with Purpose