

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING

November 14, 2017

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS PRESENT: Missy Close

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

MISSION STATEMENT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS/GUESTS – no guests

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Becky DeVries

MO1117-01

APPROVAL: October 10, 2017 MINUTES

Motion to accept: Al Hunt 2nd: Cyndy Gustafson (Motion carried)

MO1117-02 APPROVAL: TREASURER'S REPORT - Update as of October 31, 2017.

Approved & submit for audit

Motion to approve: Art Grochow Second: Becky DeVries (Motion carried)

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$47,621.11
- Year to Date ~~Surplus~~/**Deficit** = \$-37,993.27
- Checking Account Balance = -\$-31,945.37
- Savings Account Balance = \$67.15
- Building Fund Balance = \$5,662.16
- Capital Improvement = \$ 1,338.22
- Landscaping = \$1,869.73
- Benevolences were paid

Missy attended the meeting to answer any questions related to the financial report, revenues and or expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review of Keith Zeh's presentation** – The congregation will have the opportunity to respond during the listening posts on the 26th (Centennial room) and the 29th (Will be held in conference room).
2. **Nominating Committee** – Seven voting members are needed plus Pastor Julé. Art Grochow, Cindy Borchert and Al Hunt will serve. There are some new people that have said yes and that we will be meeting to come up with more people to contact

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Board Reports** Each board to be responsible to provide minutes to office coordinator within 1 week of the board meeting.
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Board of Outreach –Becky DeVries – School outreach ongoing. Will get an update from Global Missions. New member Sunday on the 29th. Four family groups joined. Had 74 people for potluck and had good help. The Young at Heart project is in the working stages for February 13 and 14, tabling the discussion, but they are checking with Thrivent opportunities. Contributed \$500 to the Day of Hope.

Board of Stewardship. – Cindy Borchert – Working on the fall campaign. Have 127 pledges for \$283,507. More pledge dollars but have less people pledging. Working on electronic giving.

Board of Education – Cyndy Gustafson – Doing fundraising for the youth gathering. Have volunteers taking the large groups for confirmation while Pastor Erika is out.

Board of Property – AI– No report – According to Keith last Sunday the radio stream went well. Funds from Landscaping fund will be used to fix the leaks.

Board of Lay – Jenn Plummer– No minutes submitted – Discussed New Year’s Eve worship. One service at 9:00. Hymn sing service. Christmas worship will be 2:00, 4:00 and 10:00. There will be a 9:00 am service on Sunday. Jack Beyer is interested in helping with the soundboard. Cade Mauch is interested in helping with the soundboard as well.

2. Other:

- a. Lisa has taken on the role of Director of Youth and Family ministry
- b. Vanco has a mobile app you can download on your phone and donate, you can donate by text or you can go to the Bethel website and click on the link. \$5.00 a month for texting and there will be a fee for using credit cards
- c. Agnes Kragness donation of \$50,000 was received. The proceeds are to be used for Sunday (Wednesday) school/youth activities. \$4,000/year will be paid out for supplies and specific items for Sunday (Wednesday) School.
- d. Sent the Synod \$500 for services that the synod review team provided.
- e. Set the annual meeting date (January 28 – 10:00 in the fellowship hall) and the leadership retreat on February 25th.
- f. Discussion on options for broadcasting church service a better/different way rather than the radio
 - i. A motion was made by Cyndy G to discontinue the radio broadcast effective immediately. Cindy B. seconds the motion. Art wants to take a look at how we get the service out to others that may not be able to attend. We could get it to them for outreach. Maybe offer ahead of time for the folks that are in assisted living facilities and get ahead of it to get it set up for them. This is a continuing part of our mission and outreach to those that may be affected. Discontinue radio and go forward in a direction that is more favorable. We will continue to stream the service and post on our website.
Motion carried
- g. Annual reports are due January 2, 2018
- h. Beacon articles are due on the 20th of November.

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Spiritual direction next meeting: Pastor Julé on Germany trip
Respectfully submitted, Sandi Gilbertson Secretary-Treasurer

Dates and notables:

Ministerial Service – November 19 at Breckenridge Lutheran

Pie Auction- November 19: 10 am Bethel

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