

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
June 9, 2016

The June 2016 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2016, in the Christian Learning Center at the church.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Pastor, Worship Board Chair
Karla King, Vice President
Traci Shoberg, Treasurer
Rose Mangold Pierce, Secretary
Pat Belvins, Prayer and Care Board Chair
Tom Beyer, Congregational Life Board Chair
Julie Shanabrook, Servant Board Chair

Devotion

Pastor Dave lead the 7:00 p.m. Worship Service, which was our Devotions for this meeting.

Call to Order

Karla King called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

Approval and Ratification of February 2016 minutes

Karla King called for ratification of the May 2016 minutes with Adrian Pullen motioning first and Tom Beyer motioning second with all in approval. The May 2016 Minutes are approved.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor Dave Young provided a quick overview of his Monthly report which was provided to all via email for review. Pastor Dave highlighted that the New Member Class consisted of about 30 interested people. In addition, Pastor Dave stated that Arlene Gavit has agreed to be our Parish Nurse. She will get a team together and look at Health and Wellness.

2. Treasurer's Report

Traci Shoberg provided the Treasurer's report via email, which all had reviewed prior to our meeting. The reports shows that the Bethel congregation as responded gracefully to the call for funding and Bethel is now back where we need to be financially. Discussion ensued as to how to keep Bethel financially stable. Traci Shoberg stated that she would provide a big Congregation "Thank You" **Sunday, June 14, 2016** and bring the congregational up to date on our finances. Additional conversation included ideas to raising funds such as a "Love Offering" on Wednesday to help offset the costs of coffee, etc.

Karla King provided Tom Milburn's ideas of forming an ad hoc group specifically designated to review our "designated fund" giving policy to present another fund giving

structure for the congregation's review. He believes this group should redesign our designated funds based on 1) What role do designated funds play in our congregational life, and 2) possibly develop a structure where funds can be pulled from other pots and used where needed. The possible team members could include Gary Nichols, Michele Young, Pat Shields, Kim Williams and Pastor Dave. It was agreed that Pastor Dave would take on the job of getting this Ad Hoc group together and will provide an update at our next meeting.

3. Youth & Family Ministry report

All took time to review the Report provided by Bryan Jaster. The question was asked as to what Bryan's HS was. Pastor Dave explained that Bryan is part a Leadership Group for Youth Leaders in our area and one of Bryan's ideas is to start a Leadership style with our high school students here at Bethel.

Other Reports

There were no other board reports this month.

Congregation Feedback

All agreed that there were no Congregation Feedback to be discussed.

Old business

1. Parsonage Status Update – Property Disposition/Maintenance

Traci Shoberg stated that the parsonage has been purchased and that the sale is proceeding and should be finalized soon.

2. Heating System Update

Adrian Pulled stated that there are no new updates and this is on hold for the time being.

3. Abuse Prevention Guidelines

Tom Byer stated that there are no new updates. Tom stated that the team will meet prior to the start of new Sunday School year, and provide all those who work with our children a seminar on Abuse Prevention and Reporting. Teaching information is still being formulated, reviewed and finalized.

4. Music Ministry Status

Pastor Dave Young reported that this is still in the same pattern and discussions are continuing.

5. Liturgical Arts Update/Vernon Joyner Recognition Planning

Karla King stated that the social held for Vernon Joyner was very nice and all had a good time. There were no other updates.

6. Sound System Update

Pastor Dave stated that he had spoken with Grace Eisenhauer and suggested that she and Dave Shoberg get together and discuss Bethel's sound system to see what ideas they may be

able to come up with. Julie Shanabrook stated that periodically Shenandoah University holds sales on their older system's and we should possibly look into that.

New Business

7. Mision Cristiana Elim Internacional

Pastor Dave stated that Bethel has been approached by the Pastor to discuss the possible rental of Bethel's Sanctuary, etc., to provide them with a place to hold services. He further stated that Bethel has already rented out our Sanctuary (get date) to them one time. Bethel was not asked to provide for anything else other than space. Pastor Dave asked if the council would like him to invite them to come and discuss with Council what their needs and expectations are. Council agreed, and Pastor Dave is going to schedule a meeting with them.

8. Bethel Grounds

Pastor Dave opened discussions on an idea he has regarding the use of Bethel's outside grounds and other uses for this space such as working with Frederick County to turn them into Little League Tee Ball fields, now that the fields for Clearbrook are being turned over to Quarry. There was also discussion the removal of trees on the property could be done by having a "Chain Saw Day" and the wood could be sold as a fund raiser. After discussion, it was agreed that insurance issues should be looked into and further discussion should take place.

1. Visioning

There are no new updates. Will be carried to next month.

Other

It was announced that Molly Byer has been asked by the Bishop to work with the Synod Council. (Call Molly today)

Discussion ensued regarding parking and it was asked if Our Family Busses could be moved for Sunday Services. Pastor Dave stated that these have already been broken into several times, but they will look to see how this can be addressed.

Discussion ensued about how to address the amount of discussion taking place in the Sanctuary as services are starting.

Pat Blevins opened discussion regarding space for the Quilting Ministry stating that storage is a continuing issue.

Karla King stated that the next Council meeting will take place Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Karla King asked if there were any other items for discussion and as there were none, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m. Pastor Dave led us in closing prayer, reminding us all of the spiritual power of a touch or a look received.