

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**September 17, 2016**

The September 2016 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, September 17, 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  
Gregg Brondos, Learning Board Chair

### **Devotion**

Traci Shoberg lead the devotions reading from 5 Minutes with KP, Gospel for Asia, which was our Devotions for this meeting.

### **Call to Order**

Karla King called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **Approval and Ratification of February 2016 minutes**

Karla King called for ratification of the August 2016 minutes with Traci Shoberg motioning first and Tom Beyer motioning second with all in approval. The August 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 Young indicated that there will be another new member group in October 2016 and may be close to the same number as the previous group (24). He highlighted that summer worship, weekly devotions and his blog has been well received. He stated that he baptized three people at Lake Holiday and he is considering a new ministry during the warm months, "Bethel Baptisms at the Lake," inviting members to ask friends, relatives, etc., who have not been baptized, to consider joining a monthly baptism at Lake Holiday. He also shared that he has been nominated for the Advisory Board for the Lutheran theological Southern Seminary, which is part of Lenoir Rhyne College.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Traci Shoberg provided the Treasurer's report via email, which all had reviewed prior to our meeting. The report shows that while giving was less for the month of August 2016, Bethel's finances are still in a positive position. Discussion ensued ending with this is pretty typical for the month of August as members are on vacation, etc. As there was no further questions,

Karla King called for ratification of the August 2016 Treasurer's report with Gregg Brondos motioning first and Tom Beyer motioning second with all in approval. The August 2016 Treasurer's report is approved.

a. Ministry Spending Plan

Pastor Dave Young stated that another person, preferably one from the council group, would be helpful for the MSP group. The MSP group will meet on October 12, 2016 to finalize the plan and present it to council at our next meeting. Gregg Brondos has agreed to work with the MSP group.

b. Stewardship Planning and Timeline

Pastor Dave Young stated that Sunday, November 13 is Stewardship Sunday, Congregational Meeting Sunday, and New Member Sunday. The Congregational Meeting will take place in Discipleship Hall. He stated that starting Sunday, October 2, 2016, Board members will be asked to highlight their board's service during worship. Stewardship forms will be handed out the week prior for members to fill out and hand in on Stewardship Sunday.

c. Council Nominations for 2016 Elections

Pastor Dave Young explained the process for the election of officers/Board Chairs for which either a vacancy existed or if those members whose term was up. Council then began the process of determining a list of members who may be interested in becoming part of Bethel's Council and Board Chairs. Those on the list will be contacted to see if an interest is desired.

3. Youth & Family Ministry report

The Youth & Family Ministry report will be included as part of the email reports received prior to Council's meeting. Karla King made the suggestion that Brian Jaster email students earlier before an event giving students and their families time to plan. All agreed this was a good idea.

**Other Reports**

**Prayer and Care**

Pat Blevins stated that the blessings of the quilts will take place in October and asked for help in getting the quilts placed on the church pews. Tom and Susie Byer have graciously volunteered to deliver the quilts. Pastor Dave Young stated that the Men's Ministry will be responsible for ensuring the quilts are placed in the church for the blessing. Discussion again opened up on a storage area for the quilt ministry.

There were no other board reports this month.

**Congregation Feedback**

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

## **Old business**

### **1. Heating System Update**

There are no new updates.

### **2. Abuse Prevention Guidelines**

There are no new updates.

### **3. Music Ministry Status**

Pastor Dave Young stated Darlene DeMott will be announced as the Bethel's Choir Director and that Sue and Larry Correll have accepted the positions as organist and pianist and assisting the Choir Director starting October 1, 2016.

### **4. Liturgical Arts**

There were no new updates.

### **5. Sound System Update**

There were no new updates.

## **New Business**

### **1. Bethel Grounds**

Discussion opened up regarding how our grounds have been maintained in light of the recent rains. In particular, the Scatter Garden and the Labyrinth need immediate attention. In addition, our Bethel Garden has become overrun with plants and weeds. Pastor Dave Young indicated that Grassmatters will be spraying for weeds, and stated that they have done a wonderful job maintaining Bethel's grounds. Rose Mangold Pierce asked if there would be a fall Bethel Cleanup day and stated that some of the issues should be addressed then as has been done in the past. Pastor Dave Young stated that there is a team which is in charge of the Scatter Garden and he would be in touch with them. In addition, Cliff Crowder suggested that the shrubs in front of the Bethel sign be removed and replaced with grass. All agreed with this idea as well.

### **2. Visioning**

There are no new updates.

## **Other**

Karla King stated that the next Council meeting will take place Wednesday, October 12, 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 Young led us in closing prayer.