

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 14, 2016

The December 2016 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, in the Christian Learning Center at the church.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Pastor, Worship Board Chair
Tom Milburn, President
Traci Shoberg, Treasurer
Rose Mangold Pierce, Secretary
Pat Belvins, Prayer and Care Board Chair
Tom Beyer, Congregational Life Board Chair (Outgoing Chair)
Bryan Jaster, Youth and Family Leader
Julie Shanabrook, Servant Board Chair
Dave Griffin, New Board Chair (2017)

Devotion

The Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer served as Council Devotions.

Call to Order

Tom Milburn called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. He thanked Tom Byer and Gregg Brondos for their time of service as this is their last meeting as members of Council.

Approval and Ratification of November 2016 minutes

Tom Milburn called for ratification of the November 2016 minutes as well as the Congregational Meeting minutes with Tom Byer motioning first and Traci Shoberg motioning second with all in approval. The November 2016 Minutes and the Congregational Meeting 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. He stated that the Men's retreat went well. He also stated that he and his team are working on putting some educational and learning ministries together for 2017: in particular, Discipleship classes 1 and 4, and a book club group lead by Cindy Lauster, who will be leading discussions on the life of Martin Luther, using the book Luther: The Reformer by Kittleson. He also stated he performed four baptisms, and wedding and a funeral. He also made in-home and hospital visits.

2. Treasurer's Report

Traci Shoberg presented the November Treasurer's Report stating that while there was a loss for November, Bethel's financials' are still positive year-to-date and that there are no specific financial problem areas at this time. She stated that there were some receipts which were

received late and Youth and Family Ministry incurred additional funding requirements than had been budgeted; however, these were not substantial, thus no budget impact incurred.

Tom Milburn called for approval of the November 2016 Treasurer's Report with Tom Byer motioning first and Tom Milburn motioning second with all in approval. The November 2016 Treasurer's Report is approved.

In addition, Pastor Dave Young stated that while the Facility Use income has not yet been received, Bethel's finances/income are still ahead of budget for the year, and there is no indication that this will change. Tom Milburn added that both Pastor Dave Young and Bethel staff have done an excellent job of controlling budgets.

a. Update on Estimate of Giving

Tom Milburn stated that Pat Shields continues to keep him updated with the estimate amount and while the deficit was down to \$33,000, it appears to be at \$41,000 as of this date. Bethel had a built in deficit of \$55,000 last year, and right now, it is at \$40,000, which the Congregation felt this is addressable. Tom Milburn motioned that the budget team should reconvene in January 2017 to review the budget again and Pastor Dave Young motioned first, with Tom Byer motioning second and all agreed. The Budget team will meet again in January 2017. A report will be prepared for sharing at the next Congregational meeting in February.

b. Bequest to Bethel

Tom Milburn informed the Council that Bethel has been named to receive a Bequest with no restrictions. The amount of this Bequest is not known at this time. Discussion ensued on the policy for receiving and disbursing Bequests and Pastor Dave Young explained the policy. Pat Belvins stated that if the Council receives spending discretion, she would like to see it used to update the sound system. Further discussion will ensue once the amount and date to be received has been determined.

c. Council Transition

Pastor Dave Young reviewed for council the policy requirements for the election of 2017 officers. He reviewed the positions open for 2017 with Tom Byer and Gregg Brondos ending their terms: Congregation Life Board Chair and Ministry Support Board Chair.

1. Election of Officers

The following people were nominated and voted for:

President: Tom Milburn was nominated for President and he accepted the nomination with Tracy Shoberg motioning first and Dave Griffin motioning second with all in approval.

Vice President: Bob Hollingsworth was nominated for Vice President and he accepted the nomination with Tom Milburn motioning first and Pastor Dave Young motioning second with all in approval. This office nomination opened as Karla King was unable to fulfil her term.

Treasurer: Traci Shoberg was nominated and she accepted the nomination. Pat Blevins motioned first with Dave Griffin motioning second with all in approval.

Secretary: Rose Mangold Pierce was nominated and she accepted the nomination with Traci Shoberg motioning first and Pat Blevins second with all in approval.

In addition, the following Board Chair positions were nominated and members accepted:

Julie Shanabrook – Servant Ministry Board Chair

Pat Blevins - Prayer and Care Board Chair

Dave Griffin – Congregational Life Board Chair

Trevor Brazelton – Educational Life Board Chair

Adrian Pullen – Ministry Support Board Chair

Pastor Dave Young – Worship Board Chair

Pastor Dave Young stated it is his intent to meet with each board chair and review with them what their responsibilities are and to provide any guidance they need.

2. January Retreat Planning

Tom Milburn stated that the January Council meeting would also be the yearly retreat meeting at which time we would focus on visioning for Bethel. Possible retreat dates are January 13-14 or January 27-28. Pastor Dave Young and Tom Milburn suggested Tom's office or Buttonwood Lodge. Pastor Dave Young stated that he will call and see if those dates are available and provide feedback to all Council Members and Board Chairs.

3. Youth & Family Ministry report

Bryan Jaster provided his copy of the Youth and Ministry report. He stated that he is working on the 2017 Summer Mission Week, which will be held in WV. Addition information will be provided at a later date.

He stated that F3 has been very well received.

He added that Cross-Gen is also doing well and we might do this again for Lent.

4. Sabbatical Policy Education Sessions

Pastor Dave Young stated the he will have his team pick two Sundays to discuss this policy with the congregation and provide those dates to Council. This will ensure that the Congregation understands that this is only a policy that they will be voting on in February. He also stated that he will put information regarding the policy in the Bethel Newsletter.

Other Reports

There were no other board reports this month.

Congregation Feedback

All agreed that there were no Congregation Feedback comments 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 that Corrells and the Choir are doing well and the Christmas program will be great with additional musicians having been asked to participate for the Christmas Eve service with pre-service music starting at 6:30 p.m.

4. Sound System Update

There were no new updates.

New Business

There is no new business.

Other

Tom Milburn stated that the next Council meeting will take place January 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. However, if we have the retreat the weekend January 13-14, 2017, then the Council meeting will be moved to that weekend. Additional information will be provided to Council Members by Pastor Dave Young and Tom Milburn.

Closing Prayer

Tom Milburn asked if there were any other items for discussion and as there were none, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Bryan Jaster led us in closing prayer, choosing a Prayer of Thanksgiving by Mark Yaconelli.