

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 12, 2017

The April 2017 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at the El Centro Restaurant, Winchester, VA.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Worship Board Chair
Tom Milburn, President
Rose Mangold Pierce, Secretary
Trevor Brazelton – Educational Life Board Chair
Cliff Crowder, Director of Facilities
Bruce Lothrop, Global Missions

Devotion

Pastor Dave Young lead devotions focusing on evening meal prayer and its meaning for our lives.

Call to Order

Tom Milburn called the meeting to order at approximately 6:35 p.m.

New Business

1. Approval of February 2017 minutes

As there were no questions regarding March 2017 minutes, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved March minutes with Pastor Dave Young motioning first and Trevor Brazelton seconding and all were in favor. The March 2017 Council Minutes are approved.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor Dave Young stated that he made in-home and hospital visits. Pastor Young stated that Bethel will begin our Summer (One service at 10:00 a.m.) worship schedule with the last Sunday in May, the 28th. In addition, there will be a Men's retreat the weekend of May 28 at Huntington Ridge Log, Winchester.

2. Treasurer's Report

Tom Milburn updated Council on Bethel's financial standing stating that while we are now beginning to show losses, the two financial gifts Bethel received this month, allowed us to continue to maintain our ability to pay all expenses without having to use the emergency funding. We will wait until the end of May and see where we stand financially before we present an update to the congregation.

As there were no further questions regarding the February 2017 Financials, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report with Pastor Young motioning

first and Rose Pierce seconding and all were in favor. The March 2017 Treasurer's Report is approved.

3. Youth & Family Ministry Report

Pastor Young reminded all that training for VBS will be on April 23 at noon. He also stated that there will be an all-day of servanthood and learning at Camp Caroline Furnace April 23 with the youth from Lord of Life in Fairfax.

4. Board Reports

There were no other Board Reports this month.

Congregation Feedback

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

Old business

1. Abuse Prevention Guidelines

There was no specific update provided.

2. Heating System Update

There was no report this month.

3. Music Ministry Status

There was no report this month.

4. Sabbatical Policy Education Sessions

There was no report this month.

5. Sound System Update

Pastor young stated that microphones were purchased and are now in use.

New Business

1. Classical Cottage

No update was provided this month. Pastor Young stated that this is still being worked, but felt there were no outstanding issues. An update will be presented next month.

2. Global Missions Requests

Bruce Lothrop provided an update on the Global Mission efforts.

3. Outside Lighting Issue

Cliff Crowder provided an overview for a request for a new light to be installed outside of the church in the back area where it is very dark and given recent concern of people hanging around, additional lighting has been requested to help maintain building and staff safety. Quotes have been received and this request will be reviewed again next month.

Other

Discussion was started regarding the lag time between services and a suggestion was made that maybe we could have coffee and donuts in Discipleship Hall so members could stay and talk. Tom Milburn suggested that Council should provide the donuts in May. All are in favor of this happening and Pastor Young will talk with Bryan Jaster about this as well and get back with Council.

Closing Prayer

Tom Milburn asked if there were any other items for discussion and as there were none, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Dave lead Council in closing prayer.