

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
March 8, 2017

The March 2017 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in the council room at the church.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Worship Board Chair
Tom Milburn, President
Traci Shoberg, Treasurer
Rose Mangold Pierce, Secretary
Bryan Jaster, Youth and Family Leader
Dave Griffin, Congregational Life Board Chair
Julie Shanabrook, Servant Board Chair
Adrian Pullen, Ministry Support Board Chair
Pat Blevins, Prayer and Care Board Chair
Trevor Brazelton – Educational Life Board Chair

Devotion

Pastor Dave Young lead the Wednesday Evening Lenten services which serviced as our devotions.

Call to Order

Tom Milburn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m.

New Business

1. Approval of February 2017 minutes

As there were no questions regarding February 2017 minutes, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved February's minutes with Dave Griffin motioning first and Traci Shoberg seconding and all were in favor. The February 2017 Council Minutes are approved.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor Dave Young stated that made in-home and hospital visits, added that our in-home visitation team has been doing a great job of working with our shut-ins as well. He also stated that he was active in visiting with Bethel residents at the Village at Orchard Ridge. He also stated that he has done pre-baptism planning with four families.

2. Treasurer's Report

Traci Shoberg stated that while we are now showing a small loss, we still have available funding, that we will wait until May and see where we stand financially. **Pastor Young added that we will have a monetary gift coming in March. (do we want to keep this in here)?**

As there were no further questions regarding the February 2017 Financials, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved February's Treasurer's Report with Dave Griffin motioning first and Pat Blevins seconding and all were in favor. The February 2017 Treasurer's Report is approved.

3. Youth & Family Ministry Report

Bryan Jaster reported that the 7th Day, March 5 program was a great success. He stated that Izzy McKee did a fantastic job crafting the theme. Bryan also acknowledged how wonderful the team and leadership of Kyle and Trevor for the GIFT Lent, Growing in Faith Together, are providing our youth.

4. Bequest Update

Tom Milburn opened discussion on the Bequest given to Bethel and the decision to split the money between the sound system upgrade and the furnace repairs. Pastor Young stated that Dave Shoberg provided quotes to purchase two new microphones which will bring us into FCC frequency compliance for now. In addition, Bethel will acknowledge the person of this Bequest enabling this purchase. Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved the purchase of two new microphones with Dave Griffin motioning first and Julie Shanabrook seconding and all were in favor. The purchase of two new microphones is approved.

5. Board Reports

There were no other Board Reports this month.

Pat Blevins reminded Council that she needs the college school colors for our high school graduates so that their quilts can be made. In addition, Pat asked that the date for their blessing be moved to the first Sunday in August. All agreed and this date will be added to Bethel's calendar.

Congregation Feedback

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

Old business

1. Abuse Prevention Guidelines

Dave Griffin reported and provided an outline on the Abuse Prevention Guidelines. He and Brian are proposing that staff training will be mandatory, and take place two times (or more) a year to ensure that staff and any others who need it have ample opportunity to attend. Additional discussion took place ending with all in agreeance that the Abuse Overview Paper and Guidelines appear to cover everything. Tom Milburn called for a motion to approve the Abuse Prevention Guidelines and training twice a year with Julie Shanabrook motioning first

and Pat Blevins seconding and all were in favor. The Abuse Prevention Guidelines is approved.

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 Dave Shoberg provided quotes to purchase two new microphones which will bring us into FCC frequency compliance. This request is approved.

New Business

1. Classical Cottage

Julie Shanabrook provided the current contract from the Classical Cottage and their request to use Bethel as their place for schooling on Thursdays and Fridays each week and that they follow the Frederick County School Calendar. She stated the school is fully insured, provides their own staff and supplies and they will pay for a custodian (Patty White). Discussion ensued regarding costs and snow removal, and where this income would go in the budget, with Traci Shoberg indicating it would go into General Operating. It was decided that a sit-down meeting with their administrator and Tom Milburn and Pastor Dave will take place. After this, a formal contract will be drawn up and signed. All council see this a positive for Bethel. As there were no further questions, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approve a meeting between Bethel and Classical Cottage with Rose Mangold Pierce motioning first and Dave Griffin seconding and all were in favor. The meeting is approved.

Julie Shanabrook further added that fire codes should be posted for the classrooms.

2. Global Missions Requests

Rex Richie provided an overview of the Global Missions request to have funding campaign this May to help raise money to build a new girl's home called Shalom Home. Pastor Dave requested a write up for the April Banner with a front-page Banner article in May. After discussion, Tom Milburn called for a motion to designate May for raising funds for the Shalom Home, with Dave Griffin motioning first and Julie Shanabrook motioning second and were in favor. May is approved as a month of funding raising for Shalom Home.

Other

Brian Jaster stated that the Global Missions', person in charge of the Guatemalan Youth trip last year would like to come and give a presentation on their mission on April 22.

Adrian Pullen stated that he received a quote of \$755.00 to replace the sign out front, with a down payment of \$377 required. After discussion, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approve with Trevor Brazelton motioning first and Dave Griffin motioning second, with all in favor. The motion to replace the sign is approved.

Tom Milburn requested a person do April devotions, with Rose Mangold Pierce agreeing. April's Council meeting will take place April 12, 7:00 p.m., Bethel's Council Room.

Pastor Young requested that we all think about sprucing up Bethel's halls and several rooms, as they have not had any change in years. All agreed to think about what could be done and who might be on a team to accomplish this.

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. Pastor Dave lead Council in closing prayer.