

**Bethel Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council Meeting  
March 14, 2018**

**Devotions – Wednesday Lenten Service prior to meeting**

**Call to Order (approximately 8:00pm)**

Council members in attendance: Pastor David Young, Tom Milburn, Traci Shoberg, Rose Mangold Pierce, Pat Blevins, Julie Shanabrook, Beth Garner, Dave Griffin, Mike Asmussen, Trevor Brazelton

**Business and Reports**

1. Approval of February Council Minutes: Motion to Approve by Dave; 2nd by Rose; unanimously approved.
2. Financial Reports: With the receipt of a donation by a family who gives twice a year, we were \$8000 over MSP at the end of February and have 5 weeks in April so are hoping to be even at the end of April. Motion to Approve by Dave; 2nd by Trevor; all approved.
3. Ministry Reports
  - a. Pastor: major efforts lately have been on Bethel Reforming. See Pastor's Report for other details.
  - b. Youth and Family Faith Formation (discuss upcoming mission trip with potential request for funds from Youth Missions Fund) Bryan continues to serve on Synod Leadership Team, took youth to 7th Day. VBS planning begins this week. Trying to connect Bethel youth to Follow the Leader camp. Science and Faith learning experience with youth begins after Easter. Escuela Integrada in Guatemala has extended an offer to interested college students and young adults to spend one week May 20-26 in mission there. The school would be in session so would spend time with the students, also installing stoves and other work. Discussion about whether the \$4700 in the Student Missions Fund might be used. Cost would be \$1500 per person. Motion made by PD to earmark \$500 per student, 2nd by Trevor. Approved unanimously.
  - c. Boards
    - i. Servant Ministry: Global Missions met 3/19/18. 2019 trips to India and Guatemala, 2020 trip to Philippines, 2021 to Tanzania. Plaster House in Tanzania is a huge success. Global Missions plans to present to congregation at Adult Forum in the fall, and to have a presence at Christmas in a Barn
4. Hostetler bequest – Need to complete appointments to Task Group (Trustees Sarah Smith, Ron Lauck, and Gary Nichols have already agreed to serve) Suggestions for other members: Cliff Crowder, Mark Hoyle, Dave Shoberg, Terri Hollingsworth, PD. PD will contact these persons and create a timeline.
5. Bethel Reforming update

- a. Reminders and input post initial meeting hosted by Bob and Terri Hollingsworth:
  - i. call members on your list the week or two before, emails are not effective. Introduce yourself, (“I’m calling to make sure that you got the letter about the Bethel Reforming meetings, which date works best for you?”) Offer 4/29 as the back-up held at Bethel.
  - ii. other PR to include announcements from the pulpit, website
  - iii. script worked, bingo fun, be intentional about the timing by writing the transition times on your script, they had 10 participants and did not break down into groups and worked fine. Have one person watch the time, check video before hand.
  - iv. in office: handouts, clip boards, gift card for snacks, name tags
  - v. April 8 9:45 am will be Youth Reforming meeting during Sunday School. May 20 (Pentecost Sunday) Council will present findings and the top 3 to 5 goals to the congregation.
6. Follow up on Safety Team discussions: At April Council meeting we will think of possible names for this team
7. Returning Thanks to be held Good Friday for members to serve through yard work
8. 200th Anniversary Team is meeting. Each month from 5/2018 through 5/2019 the team will look at a different segment of our Bethel history.
9. Coastal retreat center at Curie Beach, NC has opening July 1-8. July 5-8 would be a potential weekend with the idea that we could then have the opportunity to use those dates for summer 2018. Cost is approx \$3000 for 24-48 people. \$42/night per adult. Will see if there is interest within the congregation to use this week this summer and in the future. PD felt he would likely decline the offer to reserve the week at this time.

Motion to adjourn Pat Blevins, 2nd Mike Asmussen

**Closing Prayer**

***Next Meeting: April 11, 2018***