

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
April 11, 2018

The April 2017 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in the Council Room, Bethel Lutheran Church, VA.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Worship Board Chair
Tom Milburn, President
Rose Mangold Pierce, Treasurer
Dave Griffin, Congregational Life Board Chair
Mike Asmussen,

Devotion

Pastor Dave Young lead devotions.

Call to Order

Tom Milburn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 p.m.

New Business

1. Approval of March 2018 minutes

As there were no questions regarding March 2018 minutes, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved March minutes with Dave Griffin motioning first and Mike Asmussen seconding, and all were in favor. The March 2018 Council Minutes are approved.

Reports

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor David Young stated that during this past month, he has visited the elderly sick and shut-ins. He added that Bethel will again sponsor a little league team which he will be coaching. In addition, Pastor Young reported:

Nothing But Nets - Bethel was able to raise enough money for 165 mosquito nets.

Discipleship 2 Class – This class has finished, and a new class is being worked on.

Bethel night at the Royals – Bethel's night is scheduled for June 5, 2018, which is the same night as our June Council meeting. After discussion, it was determined that we will move the meeting to the week before, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. There will not be an Executive Council meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

Tom Milburn stated that the financials were behind because giving was less than expected. He added that the first Sunday in April was better. As there were no other questions, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report with Dave Griffin

motioning first and Mike Asmussen seconding, and all were in favor. The motion to approve the March Treasurer Report is approved.

3. Youth & Family Ministry Report

Pastor Young opened discussion on the upcoming trips for Bethel's youth and funds needed, stating they are about \$10,000 behind. The cost for each child is approximately \$1,500, with the parent's paying \$600 each. He added that the funds approved from the Bequest have provided for the Chaperon's. He added that there are funds available and would like approval to use them, maybe \$300 to \$400 per child. Council opened discussion on fund raising activities and asked why there were no fund-raising activities. He further added that a letter was being drawn up to be sent out in August which clearly explains what parents will need if they would like their children to go on trips in the future, so they can begin saving now. The letter will further discuss fund raising activities. The question was raised as to why there was no soup fund raiser this year. He further added that the church would pay for Chaperons.

4. Board Reports

A motion was made to approve the monthly board reports with Dave Griffin motioning first and Traci Shoberg motioning second with all in approval. Monthly board reports are approved.

Returning Thanks – Beth Werner reported that the team helped the Moyer's and it was a great success.

Small Groups – Dave Griffin reported that his small group came up with an idea of developing a database to input people's hobbies, skills, etc., and match needs; maybe put this up on our Website. This way, when someone needed help, members could look there and see and contact those who might be able to help. Pastor Young stated that he would follow up and get back with council. Dave Griffin requested Council's support for pursuing this and Council agreed.

Summer time Potlucks – Dave Griffin informed council that he would like to have more potluck lunches to allow members to get know each other better. Council agreed, 1) June 3 – Congregational meeting, and June 24, July 22 – Blessing of Animals and August 12 – Harvest Festival. Maybe add one more around Labor Day; if weather is bad, move it inside to the CLC. Dave asked if Bethel can supply hamburgers and hotdogs, etc., and Pastor Young stated that all he had to do was ask Pat Shields to pick them up from Costco. Council agreed.

Dave Griffin also suggested that Bethel maybe do some Christmas Hymn singing called "Christmas in the Bar," as it meet at a local restaurant and sings hymns. Discussions will continue at later council meetings.

5. Hostetler bequest/Task Group update

Pastor Young reaffirmed that a Task Force has been set up to meet on May 3.

6. Bright Futures

Tom Milburn opened discussion regarding Diana Millburn's plan to hike the Appalachian Trail and is looking for a charity to raise funds for while doing this. She is suggesting Micha's Backpack program and has reached out to Bright Future, which provides food backpacks to children here in Winchester. Council likes this idea and further discussion will take place.

Congregation Feedback

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

Old business

1. Heating System Update

There was no report this month.

2. Music Ministry Status

There was no report this month.

3. Bethel Reforming Discussion on Fall Visioning Process

Pastor Young passed out the reports provided by Pat Shield from the already held cottage meetings. Teams of two were decided upon to review and find major themes from the UPs, INs and OUTs. He also asked us to highlight suggestions which could be incorporated or discussed immediately. We will get back our reports back to Pat Shields/Pastor Young by April 30, and the rest of the reports will be added to the total report and analyzed.

4. Sound System Update

There was no report this month.

New Business

Other

Closing Prayer

Tom Milburn asked if there were any other items for discussion and as there were none, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Pastor Dave lead Council in closing prayer. Our next Council meeting will be May 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.