

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
June 6, 2018

The June 2018 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at the home of Traci Shoberg. Winchester, VA.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Worship Board Chair
Tom Milburn, President
Traci Shoberg, Treasurer
Rose Mangold Pierce, Secretary
Pat Blevins, Prayer and Care Board Chair
Dave Griffin, Congregational Life Board Chair
Mike Asmussen,
Beth Garner

Devotion

Tom Milburn lead the group in prayer.

Call to Order

Tom Milburn called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45 p.m.

New Business

1. Approval of October 2017 minutes

As there were no questions regarding May 2018 minutes, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved May minutes with Rose Mangold Pierce motioning first and Mike Asmussen seconding, and all were in favor. The May 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.

Pastor Young also stated that the new small group ministry going well. He also stated that the Board Meeting went well. He added that John Gavitt would like to have a Women's Day at North River. He also stated that John Gavitt is purchasing and starting a before service coffee table.

Pastor Young stated that three dates, June 20, July 11 and August 8 are scheduled for outside summer worship weather permitting.

Pastor Young updated council on the possibility for Bethel using the Kure Beach Retreat Center on July 5-8 and requested Council to approve \$1,350, of which \$350 cleaning fee would be returned. This would leave members paying \$250 per room for the weekend.

Pastor Young also suggested that this should be added to our yearly budget. After discussion, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the funding with Traci Shoberg motioning first and Beth seconding and all were in favor. The Kure Beach Retreat Center funds are approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

After review of the May financials, noting only that while giving was down, there is nothing significant of concern.

As there were no other questions, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report with Pat Blevins motioning first and Rose Mangold Pierce seconding and all were in favor. The motion to approve the May Treasurer Report is approved.

a. John Gugel estate

Dave Griffin stated that there are significant questions by the family regarding the disposition of funds prior to complete review of the Will. Therefore, Dave Griffin recommended that the funds remain held until this is finalized. Council agreed, and funds will remain unspent.

b. Classical Cottage

Dave Griffin stated that he reviewed the contract, updated where need be, and the contract was approved, accepted and signed. It is suggested that beginning this year, those responsible for the renewing of the contract meeting in November/December to review and update for final approval.

Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the Classical Cottage contract with Rose Mangold Pierce motioning first and Mike Asmussen seconding, and all were in favor. The Classical Cottage Contract is approved.

c. Our Family

Pastor Young stated that Bethel and Our Family should have quarterly meetings to review items of importance.

Tom Milburn stated that with Congregation's approval, the 2018 MSP will be implemented.

d. Hosteller Update regarding approved spending

Mike Asmussen provided the following update:

a. Sound system – Plans for the exact system are still being developed.

b. Front Doors: cost of \$12,00-\$13,000. Still getting estimates and reviewing contracts (awaiting the 3rd estimate). Tom asked for a motion for approval to sign a contract for the doors up to a limit of \$13,000. If beyond that, come back to Council for review and approval, with Beth Garner motioning first and Traci Shoberg motioning second, the motioned is approved.

c. Underground flooding issues: Engineers will be coming in to review grounds for flooding issues and provide fixes for this problem. Council will be updated as needed.

3. Youth & Family Ministry Report

Bryan Jaster sent his report out for all to read.

4. Board Reports

There were no board reports.

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

This project has been finished and will be removed from discussion.

3. Pastor's Insurance

Pastor Young reviewed the 2018 health insurance financial requirements and requested that Council approve payment of the deductible. After discussion, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the payment of the health insurance deductible with Traci Shoberg motioning first and Pat Blevins seconding and all were in favor. The payment of the health insurance deductible funds is approved.

4. Bethel Reforming

Pastor Young stated that he is keeping the Bethel Reforming Website updated and that there is a link on the on our Bethel Website. He added that Rev. John Wertz, Jr. will be attending August our council meeting July 10 to review and discuss our Bethel Reforming ideas, etc.

5. Sound System Update

This is being headed up by Dave Shoberg and updated will be provided as necessary to council.

New Business

1. Request of Shawn Garner to use Bethel Space for Board games

Beth Garner opened discussion for approval of a request by Shawn Garner to use Bethel space once a month for a Board Game Club to be used as community development. After discussion, with all in favor, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the Bethel Space use with Rose Mangold Pierce motioning first and Mike Asmussen seconding, and all were in favor. The use of space is approved.

2. Service Projects

Beth Garner updated Council on upcoming service projects: Hoe Down, July; ECLA Service Sunday, September 9; Faith In Action and Bright Future, September; Pat Blevins reminded Council of our Quilt project and the Quilts Auction, do 50/50. More discussion will take place at our next Council meeting.

Other

Closing Prayer

Tom Milburn asked if there were any other items for discussion and as there were none, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Pastor Dave lead Council in closing prayer. Our next Council meeting will be August 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.