

**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
**Congregation Council Meeting**  
**August 15, 2018**

**Call to Order** Pastor Dave led devotions and meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

**Business and Reports**

1. Approval of July Council Minutes: motion to approve made by Dave Griffin, Beth seconded. All were in favor. Approved
2. Financial Reports - Financials good... motion to approve: Traci first; Dave Griffin 2nd. Approved
3. Ministry Reports
  - a. Pastor: see full report.
  - b. Youth and Family Faith Formation: keys to help parents grow the desire for discipleship in their families must be utilized.
  - c. Boards
    - i. Oktoberfest update: Date is Oct 6. Davids Young and Griffin reported exciting progress with this event and its goal to reach out to the greater community including area Lutheran churches. Plans include an oompah band, food by 2 vendors, 3 inflatables for kids, Eschutcheon brewery, games.
    - ii. Virginia Synod's Week of Service: Beth Garner is coordinating. Discussed ideas for our 9/9 all church gathering 10:45 am. Decided to apply for Thrivent seed money to support a possible blood drive, making brownies and thank you cards for first responders, making sandwiches or hygiene kits for CCAP homeless
    - iii. Kure Beach planning for 2019: 16 Bethel members had a wonderful retreat there this July and Bethel can now make this an annual retreat. Date will be July 4-7, 2019. We must pay for a minimum of 22 people no matter how many attend. To acquire this contract when the opportunity presented, PD will ask Kim Williams about need to make 2 installments of \$700 to Kure Beach for the balance. Discussion of the desire to allocate funds in next year's budget to cover a portion of the retreat costs so that families can attend. If Bethel covers one day per person, the balance is \$250/room for the entire weekend. Rooms can fit up to 6 persons. 1st Dave Griffin 2nd Beth Garner, motion approved to pay the balance for July 2018 retreat.

4. Hostetler bequest/Task Group update: \$66,000 of which \$10,500 remains after 19K furnace, 9300 doors, 5000 steeple, 2500 Underground drainage problem, 20K sound system. Anonymous donor has offered to match up to 10K if contributed to mortgage principle (currently at \$225,000). A motion that the money be applied to Jubilee, the donor be approached about matching, and the Task Force be thanked by Dave Milburn for its magnificent work was made by Dave Griffin, seconded Traci Shoberg, unanimously approved.
5. Update on John Gugel estate: Bethel counsel is supporting our interest and we are waiting to hear if we need to return any of the funds. Meanwhile they are being held securely.
6. Bethel Reforming update: Julie will send council a questionnaire to reflect upon the 3 main points that surfaced from Bethel Reforming. Comments on staffing meetings will also be compiled by Julie after Council members forward their notes. Pastor John Wertz will be invited to Skype into council meeting in September to shape and clarify the agenda that he will lead at the congregational meeting Sept 30. Discussion about the need to support his presentation of the 3 main focuses discerned by Reforming meetings. To this end, Council will compile info gleaned from staff interviews as mentioned about, and also submit their observations on how we are meeting points 2 and 3. (see July minutes for clarification on the 3 points. Julie will send these to Council as well)
7. Arlene Gavitt is stepping down from her position as parish nurse due to out of town work commitments. Edie McGoff has expressed interest in taking on this role.

### **Thank You's and Congregation Concerns**

**The meeting was closed in prayer**