

**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**September 12, 2018**

The September 2018 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at the office of Tom Milburn (YHB), Winchester, VA.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young, Worship Board Chair  
Tom Milburn, President  
Rose Mangold Pierce, Treasurer  
Traci Shoberg, Vice President  
Pat Blevins, Prayer and Care Board  
Mike Asmussen, Ministry Support

### **Devotion**

Pastor Dave Young lead opening devotions.

### **Call to Order**

Tom Milburn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Approval of March 2018 minutes**

As there were no questions regarding August 2018 minutes, Tom Milburn called for a motion to approved March minutes with Rose Mangold Pierce motioning first and Traci Shoberg seconding, and all were in favor. The August 2018 Council Minutes are approved.

#### **2. Review of Matching Fund Vote**

Council reviewed its August decision and motion to accept the matching funds donation given light of the extensive repairs which will be required for the “Underground” section of the building. Therefore, after discussion, Council has decided to rescind this decision for the matching funds. With no further discussion, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to rescind the motion at its August meeting with Mike Asmussen motioning first and Rose Mangold Pierce seconding, and all were in favor. The motion to rescind the August motion to accept the matching funds offer is approved.

### **Reports**

#### **1. Pastor’s Report**

Pastor Young’s report was received via email and review by everyone with no questions.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Tom Milburn stated that the financials are ok, however giving is beginning to show a lower trend in August. At this time, we have not had to touch our emergency funding. As there were no other questions, Tom Milburn asked for a motion to approve the August Treasurer’s

Report with Pat Blevins motioning first and Beth Garner seconding, and all were in favor. The motion to approve the August Treasurer Report is approved.

### 3. Youth & Family Ministry Report

Youth Director Jaster's report was received via email reviewed by everyone with no questions.

### 4. Board Reports

There was no reports this month.

## **Congregation Feedback**

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

## **Old business**

### 1. Heating System Update

This line item will be removed as the problem has been resolved.

### 2. Music Ministry Status

This will be discussed further next council meeting as Sue Correll has sent an email discussing this.

### 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**

### 1. New Seminarian

Tom Milburn informed Council that Kyle Duff, one of our members, is going to the seminary. Discussion ensued regarding the initial \$550 he will need and how Bethel can support him in this endeavor. After reviewing the budget, it was determined that we will have to have continued discussion as to where the funds can come from. Additional discussion continued with it being determined that this fund just needs reinstated into our spreadsheet as a line item. Tom Milburn stated that Kim Williams will be asked to restate this line item.

### 2. Council Elections

Council opened discussion regarding the upcoming 2019 board with a review of those eligible for remaining on council next year and a review of rules as to when those can be

removed or at end of term. Pastor Young added that he has a list of those possibly willing to serve. Discussion regarding this will take place at the October meeting of Council.

### **3. Reforming Bethel 2020 – September 30, 2018 meeting**

Our council meeting opened with discussion regarding the Bethel Reforming 2020 meeting on September 30, 2018, in the CLC with the Rev. John Wertz, Jr., joining via video from his offices. Reverend Wertz started out stating that we need to have a clear mission statement, which we have already have developed and which all are in favor of. He then stated that the meeting should then open with the discussion of our five main points of what we see as Bethel's mission (builds strong relationships, share and worship, interact with local communities, implementing and sharing God's mission). After a time of general discussion, the congregation will break up into individual groups with discussions of these main points and out of this a redetermination of these priorities of these and they will then place these on a board for all to review. After all this discussion, a new vision for Bethel will come forth.

Additional discussion took place regarding Bethel's staffing requirements and Rev. Wertz added that all this can be determined after we know what the vision for Bethel is.

### **Other**

### **Closing Prayer**

Tom Milburn asked if there were any other items for discussion and as there were none, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Pastor Young lead Council in closing prayer. Our next Council meeting will be October 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.