

# **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **Congregational Council Minutes**

**February 12, 2020**

The February 2020 meeting of the Congregational Council of Bethel Lutheran Church was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Bethel Lutheran Church.

The following Bethel Council members were in attendance:

Pastor David Young  
Traci Shoberg, President  
Julie Shanabrook, Vice President  
Rose Mangold Pierce, Secretary  
Pat Shields, Parish Administrator  
Mike Asmussen, Learning Ministries  
Beth Garner, Servant Care  
Vonda Wilt, Prayer and Care  
Lee Braithwaite, Worship Board  
Prayer and Care Board, John Fredericksen  
Gary Nichols, Bethel Trustee  
Ellie Carlson, Student Representative

### **Devotion**

Pastor David Young lead us in opening devotions. John 8: You shall know the truth...along with other statements that are found only in the Gospel of John.

### **Call to Order**

Traci Shoberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **New Business**

1. Approval of the January 2019 Council Board Minutes and the Council Retreat Minutes.

Traci Shoberg asked if there were any other changes to the January 2019 minutes and as there were none, she called for a motion to approve the minutes with Mike Asmussen motioning first with Lee Braithwaite motioning second; with all in approval, the January 2020 minutes are approved.

### **Reports**

1. Pastor's Report

As Pastor Dave Young had sent his report via email, he quickly reviewed it adding that the first WOW had been well received and that due to his heart attack, they would restart with Lent.

Pastor Dave stated that he was planning on starting a Renew 145 this March and Bethel's group is mostly composed of 30 somethings, which is good.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

Pat Shield's reviewed for council what he knew about January's financial status, stating that Bethel received a large donation in January which helped boost our finances. He stated that he believed we should be getting our financial reports by end of this week.

## 3. Parish Administrator's Report

Pat Shields had sent his report via email and with no questions, the report was accepted.

## 1. Board Reports

**Servant Care:** Beth Garner stated that the Global mission team will meet on March 6. She added that Bruce had signed up and more are needed. Dana Francis will again lead the Hoe Down, Judy will do our WATTS which is scheduled for Dec 5 – 12, Julie Shanabrook will do Harvest Sunday. We will need a leader for Returning Thanks and Bright Future.

**Saturday** – Staff/council meeting – board chairs at 9:00 a.m.

## **Lenten Day of Service:**

Discussion centered how to get this organized with so little time including cancelling or rescheduling it for another day. Lee Braithwaite suggested a movie and ask for free will donations. He will talk with Vonda Wilt.

After discussion, it was decided that our March 1 Lenten Day of Service will be cancelled. There is not enough time to pull it all together.

## 2. Equity Line of Credit:

Gary Nichols stated our this is approved. Signatures have been obtained.

## 3. Youth & Family Ministry Report

Ellie Carlson provided us with an overview of what the Youth is doing indicating that Youth does not have a true leader. She also stated we need to make our sophomores feel more welcomed. She believes Bethel's youth group has a strong core.

She added that Winter Cell was a great success

Raising Funds for our Bethel Youth: She would like to get the Mother's Day Cake Auction going and we need to start advertising now, do another Quilt Auction, get with businesses and see if they would offer items for auction.

## 4. Board Reports

There were no other board reports.

## **Congregation Feedback**

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

## **Old business**

### **1. Underground:**

. There were no new updates for this.

### **2. Insurance Update/Renewal:**

Gary Nichols, one of Bethel's Trustees, and the person who handles Bethel's insurance needs, provided us with an overview of Bethel's current insurance policy. After the overview and discussion, we as a council thought we may need to look at updating the insurance amounts for such areas as the Shelter/Amphitheater area as well as Computer Fraud and other areas as well.

We all appreciate how hard Gary works to keep our insurance premiums to a minimum and at the same time, keep us well covered. Thank you, Gary.

### **3. Classical Cottage: Approval of CCS Contract for 2020-21 School Year**

Pat Shields provided Council with an update for the Contract for the next year. He stated that the Contract has been signed and is ready for Council President to sign.

Traci Shoberg asked if there was any other discussion as there was none, she called for a motion to approve the contract with John Fredericksen motioning first with Beth Garner motioning second; with all in approval, the Classical Cottage contract is approved and ready for Traci Shoberg's signature.

## **New Business**

### **1. Council Reference Handbook**

Pat Shields reviewed his ideas for pulling this handbook together and in addition provided each council member with a copy of Bethel's constitution and asked each of us to read it and discuss at next council meeting. He said he had other items which he believed should be added to the Handbook and he also suggested that this book should be readily available wherever council was meeting so if needed could be easily obtained.

### **2. Revised Funeral Reception Policy Announcement Draft for approval**

This discussion is moved to the March Council meeting.

### **3. Developing/Publishing a "Skill Set" Survey**

Pat Shields provided us an overview what he had in mind, including developing a skill set, what members are good at and may want to provide, hobbies, interests, etc. He would like to develop an on-line reply for this as well as hard copies to be filled out. All are in favor of his going forward with this. He will report back to council as this progresses.

### **4. Youth Leader:**

After discussion, it was decided that this position will be opened to candidates outside of Bethel.

## **5. Cards to be signed by Council**

Rose Mangold Pierce provided the cards to be signed by all present, which we did. Traci Shoberg will send them out.

## **Other Business**

### **1. Boy Scouts:**

Pastor Dave reminded council that Sunday, February 20, is Boy Scout Sunday at Bethel.

### **2. Labyrinth:**

There was no discussion on this. Will be discussed at another council meeting.

## **Closing Prayer**

As there were no other items, the council meeting was closed with Pastor Dave providing our closing prayer at 9:25 p.m.