

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, March 20, 2017 (Carol Hakala – recorder)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Craig Antonson – P

Carol Hakala – P

Roger Martin – A

Julie Bever – A

Tina Henningsen – P

Jen Nelson - P

Beth Brown – P

Jim Kusilek – P

John Osterloth – P

Chick Feather – P

Wendy Markgren – P

Walftsy Pierre – P

Dave Wilson – P

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Grant Aaseng – P Amy Brekke – P Dawn Paul – P

PREPARATION:

Review of Walking Together – Members gave summaries of the workshops that they attended. All materials from the workshops will be found on the NW Synod Resource Center Website.

Devotions – Carol Hakala for Julie Bever. Read Sara Sheu’s devotion from Abundant Life Devotional

Sharing Joys and Concerns John handed out nametags for each council member!

Open Forum – None

INFORMATION/ACTION:

Tim Vittrus from the NW Synod provided a Presentation on “Bold Generosity” a Capital Fund to raise 1.2 Million in 3 years: Technology Grants; Walking Together Ministry; Leadership Development; Support (financially) Seminary Graduates; Malawi Partnership: 10% tithe to national ELCA Campaign. All to assist in the proclamation of Jesus’ message of love and reconciliation to the world. Pastor Grant will host a gathering of individuals who may be interested in making a pledge to this campaign. Bishop Hoyme will be there to provide a presentation at that time.

Put this on the agenda for next month to give more discussion. What is the response that Bethany should/can have to this initiative? Provide the response sheet in next month’s council packet.

Minutes from February – Kusilek made motion accept the minutes from February; Antonson second. Motion Passed.

Summer Service Times – Recommendation from Worship Committee to change worship time for the Second Service from 10:30 to 10:00 AM. The question or experiment is to find out if this would encourage people to worship. Sunday School to become a bit shorter; Perhaps this would keep people here during that middle hour time and encourage worship participation.

Motion to change the second service time on Sunday to 10:00 Am beginning on Memorial Day Weekend by Antonson Second by Markgren. Motion Passed

Larry Brown – Call Committee Update. The team has met 4 times to date. The Ministry Site Profile is completed and submitted to Synod Office. The next meeting on 3/21 in preparation for a mock interview on April 4. Currently they are developing interview questions and will receive feedback from the mock interview. One new grad. has expressed interest in being considered for an associate pastor, however there is no “official” application process at this time. We will know more at the end of the month.

Reports:

See all reports submitted in the council packet plus the following comments:

Pastor has started a new member series. Several have stated interests.

Request for Angie to provide # for Sunday School, and Wednesday programming.

Financial Reports: Motion to accept the financial report by Osterloth; Seconded by Nelson; Motion Passed

Education: Lenten activities; VBS; Palm Sunday Breakfast

Church Health Team Recognition of Small Group Leaders at the end of April.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 Pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Committee:

Council Meeting: April 17, 5:30 Pm

ASSIGNMENTS:

April Devotions: Tina Henningsen

April Collection/Lockup: Roger Martin / Beth Brown

May Devotions: Jennifer Nelson

May Collection/Lock Up: David Wilson & Walfsty Pierre