

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, September 18, 2017 (prepared by Roger Martin)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Craig Antonson – P

Carol Hakala – P

Roger Martin – P

Julie Bever – A

Tina Henningsen – P

Jen Nelson - P

Beth Brown – P

Jim Kusilek – P

John Osterloth – A

Chick Feather – P

Wendy Markgren – P

Walfsy Pierre – P

Dave Wilson – P

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

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Roger (Fishers of men)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Open Forum – None

Minutes from last meeting – August 21, 2017 meeting minutes approved (RM/JN)

Financial report – Approved (JK/JN)

INFORMATION/ACTION:

Promote Name Tags: Name tags were ordered for all council members. Response from members has been good. Working toward volume of 300 for incremental price break.

Update on Pastor Luci's responsibilities: Serving on Education, Welcome and Mission/Concerns committees. Attends Stewardship and Worship/Music with Pastor Grant. More active role with Club 9. Preaching every third Sunday (w/scheduling changes on occasion with Pastor Grant).

Stewardship 11/11 FIESTA event and role of council: Pastor Grant would like council members to play an active role at the event as servers. All council members should be sure to attend. He also provided planning details for the event.

OCTOBER is budget month for all committees: Council members to issue reminder to their committees to include on OCT agendas and to provide budget input to Dawn.

Nominating Committee to begin work: Discussed members of committee (Kevin Jacobson, Laurie Carlsen and Dennis Zahrbock). Questioned the need for a 4th member and agreed that 3 are sufficient. Post-meeting comment from Carol indicated the constitution states 4 are needed. FOLLOW UP AT OCT MEETING REQ'D.

Undesignated Memorial Fund: Discussed potential uses for \$1710 currently in this fund. Discussed potential for use on purchase of music. Council members to bring ideas to OCT meeting. Discussed procedures for THANK YOU's to special gift donors (what we do today and ideas for what to do in the future).

Apps & apps with the Bishop: Council members invited to attend on THU 9/21 from 6:30 to 8:00p

WIFI Speed in church building is inadequate: Discussed need for hardware upgrade to provide greater WIFI capacity. Our system is dated and only can support 10 users at a time. Dawn shared proposal requiring \$1600 (\$1030 one-time expense plus additional \$40/mo. to Mosaic). Discussed potential for Trust Fund financial support and/or Memorial Fund. Follow up at OCT meeting.

Mortgage: Discussed status potential for further pay-down of the principle. **MOTION (CH/DW): Pay down mortgage principle by \$35K. APPROVED.**

Giving Shortfall: Discussed current shortfall vs. plan for general giving. Concern was expressed for giving vs. previous 3 years but recognize our typical late-in-the-year congregational giving pattern. Encouraged communication with members to catch up on pledges.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council: Monday 10/9/17 @ 5:30p

Council Meeting: Monday 10/16/17 @ 5:30p

ASSIGNMENTS:

October Devotions: Rachel Engel

October Collection/Lockup: Carol Hakala/John Osterloh

November Devotions: Beth Brown

November Collection/Lockup: Beth Brown/Chick Feather