

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

April 11, 2017 - 5:30pm

Keith Olson, Brad Russell, Jill Fazio, Stefanie Gerhardson, Val Johnson, Darcy Koeckeritz, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson, Marian Barry, Judy Bradow, Don Fick, Adrienne Miller, Mark Petersen

Call to Order: Darcy Koeckeritz

Devotions: led by Pastor Tom

Open Forum Time: letter from Faye Pederson inquiring about the continuation of summer Wednesday night worship services. We will continue to have Wednesday evening worship this summer beginning the first Wednesday in June at 5:30pm in the Chapel.

Secretary's Report: Keith made a motion to accept the report and Brad 2nd. All in favor and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Dean Monke presented - we should be "concerned" but not "panicked" - at this point we are \$12,000 behind. We will re-assess at the end of April after a 5 Sunday month and Easter. We have paid 3 out of 4 benevolence payments to the Synod.

Comments from Pastors: Pastor Tom is continuing to visit - most visits are positive in tone, and every visit ends in prayer. He and Pastor Jake both plan to work with the appropriate teams to look at creating a dedicated one hour time slot on Sunday mornings for Christian education for all ages. This may lead to a change in worship times - we all need to be flexible. Pastor Jake is planning food and fellowship opportunities with our Augustana Apartment neighbors. He is also working with the Music and Worship Team for ways to utilize the musical talent in our congregation.

Items for Business:

- **Project Friendship:** Pastor Jake is providing pastoral oversight in moving forward with this project. The Mission Team is currently looking for a Bethlehem parishioner to run the program on a volunteer basis. Brad made a motion for the Mission Team to continue to lay the groundwork for Project Friendship. Keith second and motion carried.
- **Update from Personnel Committee:** The Personnel committee is recommending a combination of contracted services and Productive Alternatives to fill our custodial needs following Gary's retirement at the end of the month. Judy made a motion for the Council to allow the Personnel committee and appropriate staff to obtain services from Productive Alternatives and contracted services for the balance of 2017 to not exceed \$15,000. (This does not include an additional need for lawn care and snow removal). Keith second and motion carried.
- **Building Project Update:** Replacement of the Heating/AC systems is happening now. Sanctuary windows will begin after Easter with the hopes of being done by fall. The Sunday School windows will begin soon with a test demo of the glass block - this project is estimated to take 45 days.
- **Morning Watch Account Update:** We need to update the designated signers for the Morning Watch account. The following motion was made, second by Tom Rasmusson and carried:
The following staff members: Thomas Peterson, Jacob Anderson and Amy Fronning, and church treasurer Kim Langbehn are authorized to sign on the following account at

Announcements:

- Maundy Thursday services: April 13th, 12:10pm and 6:30pm
- Good Friday services: April 14th, 12:10pm and 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday is April 16th, worship services at 6:30am, 8:30am and 10:15am. Easter breakfast from 7-10am and is a fundraiser for summer youth trips.
- Retirement Celebration for Gary Preston - Sunday, April 23rd between services in fellowship hall, breakfast will be served
- Syttende Mai Dinner May 17th

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 5:30pm

Adjournment

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2017

Lord's Prayer