

BETHLEHEM CHURCH CONCIL
August 9th 2016 Meeting 5:30pm

Members: Judy Bradow, Sally Nelson, David Nycklemoe, Jeanne Schetnan, Marc Sikkink, Kim Langbehn, Keith Olson, Donovan Rasmusson, Brad Russell, Stefanie Gerhardson, Glen Noyes

Not Present: Laura Skogen, Val Johnson, Darcy Koeckertiz, Tom Rasmusson

Others Present: Pastor Jake, Amy Fronning, Rod Spidahl, Pastor Tom via skype

Call to Order by Jeanne (Marc running a few minutes late)

Devotions led by Pastor Jake

Pastor Tom joined in the meeting via Skype from Colorado.

Open Forum Time - nothing brought at this time

Secretary's Report - motion by Keith to accept 2nd by Stefanie

Treasurer's Report - presented by Kim - we are currently at a shortfall and hoping the fall will pick up with donations and get back on track

Comments from the Pastors – Pastor Jake commented on a successful VBS. Three new families were in attendance this year. Pastor Jake has also been busy preparing Sunday school curriculum and teachers are lined up. Joyful Noise job ads are live. He has also been working on improving the My Place area.

Pastor Tom recently attended a continuing ed workshop presented by John Maxwell on team work.

He has also been working on the capital improvement project to bring out the best in our church.

He currently is enjoying spending time with his family in Colorado.

Items for Presentation:

A: Update from the Call Committee - Paul Erdhal visited with the call committee, and the ministry site profile was passed and was put online for possible candidates to review. Names will then be passed on to our church. No names have been received at this time.

B: Building Campaign Committee – They are meeting again next week, and Jon Olson has taken the lead. They are working to set up groups to help with the campaign funding and will update again soon.

Items for Business:

A. Discipleship Team Update - 90 day review of the “Prayer Ground”

There have been a few comments about feedback as to both positives and negatives to this new area. We welcome more input to this addition to our services.

B: Plans for Fall Programing

Possible adult study opportunity - Rev. Rod Spidahl was present and introduced a series called “Understanding Islam” He has been working with Muslims for 35 years and talks about the many struggles that they face, and how we can understand their community better. The gospel

encourages them and is more freeing to them. Looking at a possibility of six sessions and opening it up to the community as a great way to spread knowledge on this topic. David made a motion that we support the decision to move forward in planning an event, Jeanne 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. We will discuss more about where and when this event would take place next month.

C. Update on the progress to the updates to the My Place. - Total to add new projector, blue ray player, surround sound speakers and have everything installed is \$8,530.00 for updates to this space. Kim made a motion to approve Brad 2nd. All in favor, motion carried. The funding for this project is from the Sunday school programs restricted account.

D. Update on status of sanctuary projector - for the sale and installation of a replacement projector and HDMI cables, the total cost is \$2,910.00 Keith made a motion to approve the repairs necessary Brad 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Funding for this project is from the Repairs and Maintenance line item, 530.100.01

E. Update on Joyful Noise Team Leader position – we have no applicants at this time.

Announcements:

1. Summer Mid-Week worship services on Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Chapel, last one will be on August 31.
2. Men of Note will be singing at the 8:30am worship service on Sunday, August 21st.
3. Rally Sunday will be September 11th The theme is “Rally for Peace” 15th Anniversary of September 11th. Sunday school registration begins in fellowship hall.
4. Confirmation orientation is September 14, first class is September 21st.
5. 9th grade confirmation retreat is September 16-18

Next council meeting is Tuesday, September 13th at 5:30pm.

Adjournment

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2016

Lords Prayer