

Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 10, 2016

Present: Pastor Cheryl, JoAnn Gustafson, Sue Frank, Jen Kuras, Jon Kolb, Jason Goad

Absent: Sue Coady, Theresa Vermeesch

On the phone Duane Soukkala

Attending but not official Council Member – Stacy Colich – will be voted in at tonight's meeting

Visitors: Debby Johnson and Colleen Bernu

Pastor Cheryl noted the visitors that they can talk before the meeting but once the meeting is called to order they cannot speak unless called upon by a board member.

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Sue Frank

Devotions & opening prayer by Sue Frank

Approval of Agenda: Approved by Jon MSC Jen with the following changes:

Recommendation of nominating committee of Stacy Colich for Council

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CFYM - We discussed a variety of topics regarding Sunday school and what we can do next year. The confirmation classes and confirmation went very well. We had 6 students who were confirmed on April 3rd. Had discussion on all the upcoming youth camps. Discussed bringing the acolyte program back. Pastor Cheryl will bring to Worship committee and she will conduct the training for grades 3rd – 8th.

Property – new handles have been installed on the toilets – leaks are gone.

Duane talked about the remodeling of the kitchen. This is a project that will not happen for a couple of years. Duane is involving the women in the plans for the new kitchen.

Worship – as of this meeting there were no minutes as the committee has not yet met. 1st Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, March 24th. The hymn selectors are still meeting and Easter is coming upon us.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence – Carlton Community Education give \$75.00 sponsorship. This was tabled by Jen MSC Jon. Item has been tabled until the next meeting.

Approval of February 11th meeting minutes – meeting minutes approved with changes made regarding the fundraising policy under New Business. Jen made a motion to approve with the amendments MSC Jon.

Approval of the Annual Meeting Minutes by Jen MSC Jason.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Approval of February's Treasurer Report has been moved to the April meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT

(1) Pastoral Acts and Responsibilities

March 6th baptized Karson and Kennidy Davis.

Met with Executive Committee, CYFM team, and Worship Committee. After discussion with CYFM about the acolyte program, Pastor Cheryl will discuss with worship at their next meeting. CYFM's recommendation is that it covers third through 8th grade Bethesda members, that the pastor does a training session, and then schedules the children who come to the training session.

Six 10th grade confirmation students participated in the Lenten mentoring program. Pastor Cheryl presented the following list of students for the Council's approval for confirmation on April 3rd: Chase Albeiter, Leif Herman, Elizabeth House, Audrey Lokken, Deanna Wallin and Chloe Olesen. Pastor is requesting a motion for their approval. A motion was made by Jason to accept the list of confirmation students second by Jen – motion carried.

(2) Contract Tasks

a. Constitution – Sue Frank, Jon Kolb and Pastor Cheryl have been meeting and working on revisions to Bethesda's constitution to update it with the ELCA's model constitution of 2013. They are currently on chapter 11.

b. Visitation Team – the team met and Pastor Cheryl trained the team to serve home communion, and assigned members to the shut-ins on the list. The group also decided that they would like to lead worship on a monthly basis at Interfaith and Pineview. This leaves the worship service at Sunnyside in Cloquet, in which Bethesda's pastor will participate. Pastor Cheryl is in the process of scheduling the team for Interfaith and PineView and Bethesda's pastor at Sunnyside.

(3) Interim Pastor

We are in Phase 2 – Transition Tasks. The task force has now met three times. They are in the process of completing the congregation-wide survey. They will provide monthly newsletter articles, temple talks, and will submit their meeting minutes to council. These meeting minutes will be published on the website.

Note: Mitch Haber from Thrivent would like to attend a council meeting after Easter to connect and make sure we are utilizing Thrivent funds to the extent possible.

NEW BUSINESS

It was inadvertently overlooked at the annual meeting that Stacy Colich was presented by the nominating committee as a council member.

Stacy was voted in at this meeting – a motion was made by Pastor Cheryl MSC Jen. Welcome Stacy to church council.

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2016 at 5:30 – Executive meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:15 PM

NEXT DEVOTION, PRAYER AND TREATS: Duane

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Jen MSC Stacy

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectively submitted,

JoAnn Gustafson
Secretary