

Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2016

Present: Pastor Cheryl, JoAnn Gustafson, Sue Frank, Jon Kolb, Jason Goad, Sue Coady, Stacy Colich, Duane Soukkala

Absent: Theresa Vermeesch, Jen Kuras

Visitors: Debby Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by Sue Frank
Devotions & opening prayer by Duane Soukkala

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jon MSC Jason

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CYFM had discussion on Sunday school, retreats, upcoming up events, etc.

Property – purchased a dehumidifier for the basement. It is up and running. Thank you!

Worship – Attendance at worship service down a little - Ash Wednesday (63) other mid-week services (41), (41), (44) no service on 03/16/16 due to storm. Attendance for February (72), (61), (83) and March attendance (92) with baptism, (69) with camp Sunday.

Colleen Bernu presented the committee with Sunday school attendance information and discussed the decline throughout the country. She also discussed different models of lectionary that is used. Visitation team 8 people were at orientation. They will do worship at IFCC and Pine View will leave Sunnyside for Pastor. Ordered 4 more communion kits, now have 6, for use for shut-ins. Planning ahead for Pentecost, Pastors husband Paul will lead Cross-Gen work project on April 17th to make paper airplanes with Holy Spirit verses on them. Linda will let CYFM and Bobbi know. Will ask the kids to pass out airplanes on Pentecost Sunday. Lynn has done some research on the Urn Pall and has some of the material. She will report at the next meeting. Lynn looked at info on the Altar Guild JD on the internet and has some info from Pat and will report more at next meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Correspondence – We will give a \$75.00 sponsorship to both Carlton & Wrenshall Community Ed. A motion was made by Duane to pay this to both MSC Stacy.

Received a confirmand survey from Valparaiso University. This will be given to the CFYM committee.

Approval of March 10th meeting minutes – approved by Jason MSC Jon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Giving is down versus budget. Sue C. went over both reports for the council.

Approval of February's Treasurer Report – Motion by Jon MSC Jason.

Approval of March's Treasurer Report – Motion Stacy MSC Duane.

PASTOR'S REPORT

(1) Pastoral Acts and Responsibilities

April 3rd confirmed Chase Albeiter, Leif Herman, Elizabeth House, Audrey Lokken, Deanna Wallin and Chloe Olesen.

April 10th baptized Wesley Harden.

Met with Executive, CYFM, and Worship committee's

(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 have completed the Constitution and are reviewing the bylaws and continuing resolutions.

b. Visitation Team – team members are visiting and reporting at our monthly meeting. Pastor Cheryl has advised Journey Christian Church, who does scheduling for Tuesday worship at Interfaith and Sunnyside, that Bethesda's pastor should go back on the list. She will be receiving a new schedule by the end of April. Pastor Cheryl is still waiting to hear from the activities director at Pine View and Interfaith about the visitation team being added to the rotation for Sunday afternoon worship services.

(3) Interim Pastor – we are in phase 2 – Transition Task. The task force has been meeting weekly and the congregation survey has been mailed out and is also available on line. We are now working on training for and scheduling small group gatherings and one-on-one conversations. From the progress of their work, Pastor Cheryl anticipates we will possibly be able to form a call committee sometime in August.

It was also discussed and voted on to designated 30% of the cash salary for 2016 to be paid to Pastor Cheryl as a housing/furnishing allowance. A motion was made by Jon to the 30% seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sue Coady talked about the AED we are looking at possibly purchasing. On a shopping website the price is approx. \$1,595.00 but from Harbors Centers we can purchase for a donation. Could we bring to a worship service and ask for donations? Sue Frank will go over the book and advise at our next meeting. A motion was made by Jason MSC Duane to table until our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Coady discussed problems with counters report that they are trying to resolve.

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2016 2016 at 5:30 – Executive meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3, 2106 at 6:15 PM

NEXT DEVOTION, PRAYER AND TREATS: Pastor Cheryl

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Pastor Cheryl MSC Jon

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

Respectively submitted,

JoAnn Gustafson
Secretary