

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

January 16, 2018 - 5:30pm

Kim Langbehn, Keith Olson, Donovan Rasmusson, Jill Fazio, Stefanie Gerhardson, Val Johnson, Tom Rasmusson, Don Fick, Mark Petersen

Also attending: Amy Fronning, Pastor Tom

Call to Order: Val Johnson

Open Forum Time: n/a

Secretary's Report: addition of housing allowance for Pastor Tom. Motion to approve by Keith - 2nd Tom R, passed
Treasurer's Report and the final reading of the proposed 2018 budget, and review 2017 year-end financial report: presented by Kim Langbehn. We had a \$25,000 surplus at the end of 2017 after all benevolences and bill had been paid. There was a motion to accept the 2018 budget by Keith - 2nd Donovan, passed

Devotions: led by Pastor Tom

Comments from Pastors: Pastor Tom is looking forward to the Lenten Season - especially with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day and Easter on April Fool's Day. He encouraged all to attend the midday services for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Items for Business:

- Finance Committee Recommendations:
 - To pay the Youth Fundraising Account and the Bethlehem WELCA \$1,500.00 each from the Thrivent Revenue restricted account 800.500.06. Current balance is \$3,964.00.
 - To create a restricted account "General Operating" to have as a reserve fund for cash flow. This year the following moniew would be transferred to this account; \$964 the remaining balance of Thrivent Revenue account after disbursements to Youth and WELCA, \$9,420 remaining balance of Steeple Lighting Project account, and \$20,000 from surplus year-end balance for a total of \$30,384.00. General Fund beginning balance for 2018 would be \$5,445.07.
Motion to accept both recommendations by Keith - 2nd Tom R, passed
- Update from the Nominating Committee
- Church gift for Pastor Jake and family for Charlie's Baby Shower

Announcements:

- Open Forum, Sunday, January 21st following both services at 9:45am and 11:30am for presentation and Q & A of the 2018 budget
- Joint worship service and annual meeting, Sunday, January 28th at 9:30am followed by the chili cook-off
- Meet and Greet with Pastor Jake, Cassie and new baby Charlie, Sunday, February 4th between services at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall
- Mark your calendars: New Council member training **Tuesday, February 13th** following the council meeting; Council Strategic Planning Retreat **Tuesday, March 13th** from 5:30-8:30pm, supper will be provided
- Ash Wednesday Worship Services Wednesday, February 14th at 12:10pm and 6:30pm. Potato bar to follow noon service and at 5:30pm
- Wednesday Lent services will be February 21-March 21. Worship at 12:10pm and 6:30pm, soup lunch to follow noon service and soup supper at 5:30pm

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30pm (Please note change from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday for this month's meeting)

Adjournment: Motion by Keith - 2nd Kim

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2018

Lord's Prayer