

BETHLEHEM CHURCH COUNCIL

July 11, 2017 - 5:30pm

Kim Langbehn, Jill Fazio, Val Johnson, Darcy Koeckeritz, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson, Judy Bradow, Don Fick, Adrienne Miller

Also attending: Amy Fronning, Pastor Tom, Pastor Jake

Call to Order: Glen Noyes

Devotions: led by Pastor Tom (Generational Conflicts/Differences)

Open Forum Time: n/a

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report: We are down \$20,000 pledged to date. Draft of letter to the congregation was read - letter will encourage members to be current with their pledge.

Comments from Pastors: Pastor Tom: Pastor Peter Soli (a former member of Bethlehem that our congregation supported through Seminary) is going to be a guest preacher in October - revitalization of Stewardship & Hospitality teams - shortages of pulpit supply Pastors - possible worship time changes for the fall. Pastor Jake: accompanied 19 junior high members on a weeklong service mission trip - fellowship with Augustana neighbors continues to blossom and flourish - 5 Augustana residents are requesting membership here at Bethlehem - Project Friendship guests Mike Grant and Krystal Queen will be here on August 13th - VBS is going very well and the addition of the LutherCrest counselors is excellent.

Items for Business:

- **Presentation and recommendation from Property & Management about security, cameras and auto locks for the doors (Glen Noyes):** Glen presented the work that has been done to secure bids for this project. Kim made a motion to *move forward with cameras and locking system to be paid from the Beyond the Building account*. Don 2nd and motion approved unanimously.
- **Re-energize ministry teams:** Council members will be given the opportunity to lead by example and join a ministry team at the next council meeting.
- **Pulpit Supply:** Pastor Tom reported on the situation that is arising in the area regarding a lack of pastors able to provide pulpit supply. We have had two specific requests from area churches for one of our pastors to cover their Sunday service. Kim made a motion to *approve pulpit supply for the next two Sundays for Augustana (FF) and First Lutheran (BLake) with the Personnel Committee looking into policy for future requests*. Jill 2nd and motion approved unanimously.
- **Holy Hootenanners:** The Holy Hootenanners are a Christian musical group that was brought to the Pastor's attention by a Bethlehem member. The group is available to play at Bethlehem for both services on September 24th. Kim made a motion for *Pastor Jake to make some inquiries to members to cover the expenses of having the group here*. Val 2nd and approved unanimously. If funds are not raised before that Sunday a free will offering will be taken.

Announcements:

- Summer Mid-week Worship services began Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30pm
- Family VBS with LutherCrest, July 10-13 from 5:30-8pm, on Thursday July 13 we'll go the LutherCrest for the day
- High School Mission trip to Chicago, July 28-August 4
- Project Friendship guest speakers Sunday, August 13 - Mike Grant and Krystal Queen
- Special Music by the Heart O Lakes Harmony group Sunday, August 13
- Special Music by Men of Note Sunday, August 20th

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 8th at 5:30pm

Adjournment

Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2017

Lord's Prayer