

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**June 14, 2016**  
**5:30pm at Bethlehem Church**

**Members Present:** Sally Nelson, David Nycklemoe, Jeanne Schetnan, Marc Sikkink, Laura Skogen, Kim Langbehn, Keith Olson, Stefanie Gerhardson, Val Johnson, Glen Noyes, Tom Rasmusson  
**Not present:** Donovan Rasmusson, Brad Russell, Judy Bradow and Darcy Koeckertiz

Call to Order: Marc Sikkink

Devotions

Open Forum Time: nothing brought at this time

Secretary's report: Keith made a motion to approve the secretary's report, all approved motion carried.

Treasure's report presented by Kim

Comments from the Pastors – Pastor Jake has been preparing for summer programs, day camps, and planning music and worship

Pastor Tom was in Denver on vacation

**Items of Business:**

- A. Update on Beyond the Building Campaign – The Finance committee is looking into interim financing for the project up to but not to exceed \$600,000. They will send out a request for proposals to a few local banks and the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Proposals are due by Thursday July 14 and the Finance committee will bring a recommendation to the July council meeting. Thank you to Ed Strand and the Finance Committee for their work on the “Request for Proposal” for financing. Keith and Nathan are continuing to work on fundraising.
  - **Council meeting for July is moved to July 19<sup>th</sup> at the same time. This will allow time to review time for proposals and Pastor Tom to be present at the meeting.**
  - **Congregation Meeting is set for Sunday, July 24 at 9:30am in the Sanctuary. Two items will be on the agenda, one, to authorize the church council to secure a loan for the building project and two, to nominate and vote at large members to Bethlehem's personnel committee. A quorum is of 100 people is needed in order to have a vote.**
- B. Personal committee process – The council discussed member nominations and Marc will contact each person to see if they are interested in being a part of this committee. Each year a new member is to be selected at the annual meeting and serve a three year term. The personal committee's responsibility is to review and bring recommendations to the council on personal issues.
- C. Update on the Call Committee – Call committee has been working on the Ministry Site Profile and will present it to the Church Council for approval at the July meeting. Things are continuing to go well.
- D. Update on Strategic Planning - Pastor Tom recently met with the stakeholders, and he plans to meet with them quarterly and keep in contact on a monthly basis.

## **New Business:**

A. Presentation from Property & Management - safety concerns presented by Glen Noyes  
There are several areas that need immediate attention. There are some places where carpet is dried up and has become a tripping hazard.

- Several things are fire hazards – chairs, benches, and music items need to be removed from hallways
- the kiosk may need to be moved as well
- Looking into installing storage units for musical instruments.
- Instead of easels in the narthax, looking into a video message board on the wall in the Narthex
- Glen requested \$4,000 for carpeting to start taking care of the important repairs right away. Tom Rasnussen made a motion to authorize up to \$4,000 to replace carpeting from the general operating budget, Repairs and Maintenance line item, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laura Skogen, all approved motion carried.

B. Keith made a motion to approve the elevator repairs to meet state code in the amount of \$2,200, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeanne Schetnan, approved by all motion carried.

## **Announcements -**

1. Summer Mid-week worship services on Wednesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel
2. Day Camp June 13-16 with First Lutheran
3. Middle School Mission Trip to Duluth, June 18-24
4. Thank you Reception for Kim Blumberg, Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall
5. Joint Worship Service and Picnic in the Park, Sunday July 3, 10:30 at Adams (Grotto) Park, with the five Fergus Falls ELCA churches, Potluck lunch to follow. There will not be 10:15am worship services
6. Bethlehem @ Phelps Mill, Sunday July 10 at 10:30am. Pastor Jake and the Joyful Noise Worship team will be leading the Sunday morning worship. There will be a 10:15am worship service at Bethlehem.

Adjournment - Keith made a motion to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim

## **Prayers for our congregation as our ministry unfolds in 2016**

### **Lord's Prayer**