

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bassingthwaite, Pat Pithey, Monica Zentgraf, Sonja Christensen, Pastor Kathryn Rothman, Dawn Pehl, Larry Bontjes, Ivy Schulz, Diane Finnie

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

VISITORS: Confirmation Students & Mentors: Cooper Krause & Judy Fleck; Brita Enderson & Irene Mohn; Wyatt Hedrick & Laurie Stiller; Courtney Caranicas; Jamie Richels & Ivy Schulz; Jaden Hansen & Larry Gast.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Larry Bontjes

APPROVAL February 3, 2009 MINUTES

Motion to accept: Sonja Christensen Second: Monica Zentgraf (Motion carried)

TREASURER'S REPORT: February Update:

- Envelope Offering = \$26,081.00
- February deficit -\$1,450.68 YTD -\$11,173.40
- Benevolences were paid
- Snow Removal - \$416.50 YTD \$3,508.00
- Utilities \$294.18 and heat \$1,857.70 (Feb. 2008 = \$3,361.39)
- Checking Account balance -\$14,271.05
- Savings Account balance \$36,032.00
- Heating Fund Received \$2,585.00; we are now only \$2,101.49 short of full amount needed to pay of the system

Motion to accept: Dawn Pehl Second: Larry Bontjes (Motion carried)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Congregational Forum (March 1st) Follow-up
 - Pat Pithey handed out survey summaries
 - Discussion was had regarding the summaries and comments made at the forum
 - This information will be used to help complete the congregational profile for the Call Committee
2. 2009 Synod Assembly
 - Assembly will be held May 2 & 3 in Grand Forks
 - Notices asking for volunteers to attend will be in the announcement sheets and Beacon
 - Registration is due April 10th

3. Transition Teams

- Team #1 Vision/Strategic Plan Team has met and are currently putting together an outline of the Visioning process from 1999, 2004 and 2008
- Plans are for this Team to have final report completed soon
- Team #2 Staffing needs team next meeting will be March 8th at 7:00 P.M.
- Team #3 Data and Documentation Team will meet March 16th at 5:30 P.M.
- Pat Pithey will begin an outline for policies and job descriptions prior to this meeting

4. Congregational Mission Profile

- Mike handed out copies of the Mission Profile
- Each section was reviewed and discussed with adjustment and additions made where needed
- Additional meeting scheduled for the 16th to complete the review

5. Call Committee

- Met February 10th
- Reviewed Mission Profile and made suggestions as to additions and changes they would like to see

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

2. Pastors Report: **Pastor Kathryn**

- Pastor Kathryn is working with Bob Caranicas once a week on his Clinical Pastoral Education
- Bob will be going along with Pastor Kathryn to the nursing homes for visitations
- 33 people signed up for the Adult Education class
- Pastor Mark Manning will be covering for Pastor Kathryn while she is on vacation
- March 23rd Pastor Olson will be here to preach
- March 20th Bishop Rindy or his assistant will be hear to preach and also meet with the Call Committee and transition teams if they have questions
- There are some lay people who are helping with visitations
- Pastor Kathryn will be leaving for vacation after Lenten Services on March 18th

3. Board Reports:

Board of Outreach & Christian Fellowship – Dawn Pehl

- Working on some projects for the summer
- Selling Music CD's and Olive Wood items during Lent

Board of Christian Education -- Pat Pithey

- 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat will be March 13-15
- Silly Supper is March 8th
- Sunday School Teacher Appreciation set for March 8th
- Raised a question regarding First Service ending at 10:00 and Sunday School starting at 10:00. On the days when the church service runs late teachers may need to leave the service early to get to their classes. It was requested that the Board of Lay ministry take this into consideration when looking at scheduling for next year.

Board of Property – Larry Bontjes

- New room divider being installed in the fellowship hall
- Thanks to Bob Buck and Keath Borchert for taking the old one out
- Started discussions on potential new projects
- Are researching ways to clean the brick work below the window behind the altar

Board of Lay Ministry - Sonja Christensen

- Have new wedding coordinators
- Working on writing new job description for wedding coordinators
- Helped with finding Pulpit Supply while Pastor Kathryn is on vacation

Board of Stewardship – No Report

4. March/April Schedule

- No Board of Stewardship on the March 9th
- Transition Team #2 Staffing needs team meeting March 8th at 7:00 P.M
- Board of Outreach will meet at 5:15 on March 10th
- Woman of the Bible Drama 10 A.M March 14th
- Transition Team #3 & Planning Council will meet at 5:30 on March 16th

5. Closing:

Next meeting: Special Meeting March 16th 5:30

Next regular meeting: Tuesday April 7th at 7:00 P.M.

Spiritual Direction: Pat Pithey

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Finnie, Secretary