

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dee Jensen; Kathy Hammer; Norma Nosek; Pastor Jim Gustafson; Pastor Julé Ballinger; Ivy Schulz; Mike Bassingthwaite, Sandra Hoistad, Pam Hendrickson , Diane Fisher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hal Fisher, Brenda Romereim, Bill Grosz

GUESTS: Sonja Christianson, Kennedy Wixo

CALL TO ORDER, introduction of Guests

MISSION STATEMENT

OPENING PRAYER: Sandy Hoistad

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: Dee Jensen -Christ focused visionary discussion on discipleship- session 2

APPROVAL February 7, 2012 MINUTES

Motion to accept: Mike Second: Norma (Motion carried)

TREASURER'S REPORT: February Update:

- Envelope Offering for the month = \$31,506.
- February ~~Surplus/Deficit~~ 347.16
- Year to Date ~~Surplus/Deficit~~ \$3115.17
- Checking Account Balance \$13,606.49
- Savings Account Balance \$25,019.28
- Building Fund Balance \$2,906.55
- Capital Improvement \$37,678.14
- Benevolences were paid

Motion to accept: Kathy Second: Pam (Motion carried)

Treasurers report discussed, approved as presented and filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Leadership retreat – Saturday February 11
 - Well attended
 - Positive comments including organization of the church, fun, stability of Bethel hopeful.
 - Some liked the variety of good activities, dislikes – web site needs updates
 - 2 names were given Pastor Julé for web site involvement
 - Was helpful to understand each committees roles
2. Constitution/ Bylaws committee
 - Have not met, will try to meet next week. Mike has some materials from the Synod.
3. Synod Assembly – April 21-22 in Fargo. Steve Hendrickson, Dee Jensen, Bill Grosz, Brenda Romereim, Ivy Schultz

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Radio Broadcast will be much better due to the new sound system.
2. Board Reports

Board of Christian Education –Sandy Hoistad & Ivy

- Wednesday school policy established, surveys being sent out to parents, encourage parents involvement
- Good turnout for Ash Wednesday meal
- Senior Sunday set for May 20th

Board of Property – Mike Bassingthwaite

- Sound system & video system –placement of the screens discussed. Single screen might be best and would only obscure the window when used. Pastor Julé indicated that the intent is to use the screens most every service therefore single screen not the solution.. The sound system is almost done. Video system will be a while.
- Simply Delicious Catering has a contract with Bethel through 2012.

Board of Lay Ministry- Diane Fisher (sitting in for Brenda Romereim)

- Special music for Easter Sunday – need suggestions, Hendricksons for 7 am service, 9 am check with Cyndy and Kaija. Linda Palmer, Floss and Allison Voss to be asked.
- Summer worship 9:30 am
- Letter to inactive members approved to be sent out.
- Aug. 12 worship in the park

Board of Stewardship – Norma Nosek

- March 7th Lenten Meal soup, bread, cookies
- Planning for fall campaign

Board of Outreach – Pam Hendrickson

- March 18th will be new member Sunday – pot luck after
- Lenten meal serving March 14
- Mission to Minot – synod website info for disaster relief. Construction experience not needed however, there is a big demand for licensed contractors. Pam called LSS and was given some phone #s to call. Not called her back yet. When would Bethel like to plan a trip? Can also join Hope Lutheran as an option.
- Member resigned. Pam looking for a new member. Received a few suggestions.

3. March/April Schedule:

- Rescheduled All about you Girls event from Monday 5th to March 8th at 5:30pm
- Add – Sunday March 25th. Diaper and gift card shower for Pastor Julé during coffee hour. Joyce Johnson and Vickie Trappen helping.
- Add – Seminary Sunday special offering April 29th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday April 3rd, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Spiritual Direction: Executive Committee

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hammer, Secretary