

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MINUTES from: Monday, June 19, 2017 (prepared by Roger Martin)

COUNCIL MEMBERS: P = Present A = Absent

Craig Antonson – A	Carol Hakala – P	Roger Martin – P
Julie Bever – A	Tina Henningsen – P	Jen Nelson - P
Beth Brown – P	Jim Kusilek – A	John Osterloth – P
Chick Feather – P	Wendy Markgren – P	Walfsy Pierre – P
		Dave Wilson – P

STAFF MEMBERS: Pastor Grant Aaseng – P Amy Brekke – P Dawn Paul – P

PREPARATION:

Devotions – Chick Feather (The foundation of the Leaning Tower of Pisa)

Sharing Joys and Concerns – Share the joy of another successful VBS and the imminent arrival and recent ordination of Pastor Luci Sesvold!

Open Forum – None

Minutes from last meeting – May 15, 2017 meeting minutes approved (CH/JO)

Financial report – Approved (JN/BB)

INFORMATION/ACTION:

Pastor Luci Welcome: July 9 is Installation Sunday for Pastor Luci. Between services a Welcome Reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Greg Kaufmann from the NW WI Synod will be in attendance. Reviewed plans for this event. A picnic is also being planned for August 9 to welcome Luci and family. Also there are several smaller events being coordinated by Deanna Westphal for Luci to get to know members. Carol Hakala agreed to coordinate moving assistance projects and volunteers for the Sesvold family. Pastor Grant has suggested that Pastor Luci's initial emphasis be placed on:

1. Young adults
2. Coordinating children's, youth and adult educational ministries
3. Outreach within the community
4. Technology and social media

Apps & apps with the Bishop: On THU September 14 an event is being planned at Bethany for Bishop Rick Hoyme to share new apps and technology available to ELCA congregations. Bethany and other area congregations will be involved. Sue Hildebrand has agreed to coordinate and will need 3-4 helpers. An event host is still being sought.

Office space: Initial plans were for Pastor Luci to move into the office currently used by Amy. Amy would relocate to the Choir Room. Phone and internet lines would need to be installed as well as new carpet to cover old asbestos tile floor. After discussion it was decided to have Amy occupy an office upstairs to minimize cost and maintain visibility for her with staff and members. Future discussion needs to be held with Property Committee to upgrade the floor in Choir Room despite this decision.

Natural Church Development Survey (Round 2): All council members and 30 suggested members are being asked to take this survey which was originally taken about 2 years ago. Two dates will be provided by Pastor Grant to take the survey.

Council Retreat: Typically council conducts a retreat in the FEB/MAR timeframe. We postponed the retreat this year for scheduling reasons. Pastor Grant has suggested we postpone the retreat until later to allow Pastor Luci to get accustomed to Bethany and incorporate her skills into future planning.

Welcome Committee Building Review: An extensive review of Bethany's facilities was conducted by the Welcome Committee with the assistance of a consultant from the ELCA who specializes in making churches more welcoming to both current and potential members. Carol Hakala will forward the report to council members for review.

Meal Coordinator for Lent & Advent: Amy and her music ministry team have planned meals around Lent and Advent in the past. They would like to see a coordinator volunteer to this duty starting this year. Jen Nelson agreed to coordinate Lenten meals. Amy and her team will continue to handle Advent and this duty will be revisited in a year.

Stewardship All-Congregation Banquet: A dinner banquet is being planned in November to give the annual Stewardship Drive a revitalized perspective vs. the Sunday breakfast conducted in year's past.

Walfsty Pierre moving: Walfsty shared that his family will be relocating to LaCrosse in the near future. Exec. Council will need to discuss his replacement and the associated process.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Executive Council: Monday 7/10/17 @ 5:30p

Council Meeting: Monday 7/17/17 @ 5:30p

ASSIGNMENTS:

July Devotions: Jim Kusilek

July Collection/Lockup: Jim Kusilek/Carol Hakala

August Devotions: Dave Wilson

August Collection/Lockup: Craig Antonson/Walfsty Pierre (replacement?)