

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2018

Attendance:

Pastor Christopher Miller – present
Ron Harapat, Pres – present
Jan Olson, Vice Pres – present
Linda Dahlman, Sec – present
Jerry Wiedebush – present

Niki Knauth – present
Kelly Jorgenson – present
RobinLynn Stobart – present
Mike Nelson – present
Kathy Buffington – present

Guests: Gary Ely and Keri Barr, Cub Scouts
and Family Scouting representatives

Opening Meditation: Pastor led devotion, based on Psalm 1, and prayer time beginning at 6:33 PM in the church library. Prayers were lifted for 12 (twelve) individuals or situations.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ron.

Correspondence: A request was received from Flathead County about renting the ARK for a polling place for the primary voting on June 5, 2018. The county was unsure about use of the ARK because of negotiations with the county library board to purchase the ARK. The request was OK'd.

Minutes: Minutes of April 12, 2018 meeting **approved**.

Treasurer's Report: Report for May 2018 **is filed for audit**.

Pastor's Report: No report.

President's Report: If you notice any snowbirds returning, try to make a point of welcoming them back. It's nice to see them again, and they'd like to know they were missed.

A few chairs and most of the furniture from the upper level of the Ark have been taken by friends of Bethany. The foosball table was moved to the Sunday school room of the church basement. I think we'll deal with the rest of the equipment at this meeting.

A new bible study has sprung up within our walls. The men are having breakfast and study every Tuesday at 7am. So far we have six regular attendees and are hoping to see more as they hear how much fun we're having.

We'll run our usual meeting right up through the Lord's Prayer. Then the executive committee would like to have a short meeting with you in attendance. Please plan to stay for another 10 minutes or so.

See you at 6:30pm, Thursday. Ron

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship and Music: On April 29 Pastor Christopher, Niki Knauth, Karen Bradstreet and Bev Ostroot met to discuss worship music. The decision was made by email consensus to keep the previously selected music and both hymnals through May 20th.

Karen mentioned music & sound needs for the upcoming outdoor worship service. Niki checked with Ken, Russ & Deb about equipment needs for that & there seemed to be a disconnect. We need to follow up and make a plan before it sneaks up on us. We probably need to plan a meeting to get all involved with outdoor worship and on the same page and make sure we have time to take care of any needs and to schedule worship assistants for that service. This should probably happen in the next 2-3 weeks before we meet to schedule July-Sept worship assistants.

We have no other item to report at this time.

Niki Knauth and Mike Nelson
Worship & Music

*in addition: July 22 is the date of our only outdoor worship this summer. A picnic will follow the service.

Property: A new faucet was installed on the south side of the parsonage as old one was leaking.

Temporary fix on the south window at parsonage. Window is shot! Size is 89x46 and I would recommend a new window. Priced one at Sliters at \$508.37

Replaced several light bulbs throughout the church.

Need to find someone to install snow guards on roof, any ideas? This will cost a few bucks and I am thinking around \$2,000. Or more. We do not want to wait until November.

Need to spray for weeds. Maybe a clean up day on the property? Windows need to be cleaned, etc.

We need a good appearance!

Thanks for any input and will see you this Thursday.

Jerry and Kelly

*in addition: Outdoor cleanup of the church property will be June 2 at 10:00 AM.

A **motion was made** to authorize Jerry to research and proceed with the purchase of a new window for the parsonage. **Motion carried.**

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Congregational Life: Congregational Life will host a potluck after worship on May 20 in honor of Chuck and Ginny Johnson, who will be moving to Colorado at the end of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda and RobinLynn

Care Team Report:

Rides: 0

Meals: 3 to a member. Week prior to funeral.

Cards: 2

Telephone Calls: Approximately 10 or more with meal arrangements, birthday and general. I tried to call a member, as she was referred to me as possibly needing CT assistance, but unable to reach her.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Lorang

Beyond Our Walls: The BOW committee has been investigating possible ways to help with the weekly Community Meals at the Methodist Church. We have some information to share with Council members tomorrow.

Kathy and Jan

*in addition: Thursday, May 31, is the first date for Bethany members to contribute cookies, bars, etc. to the Methodist Community Meal. BOW thinks our “easing into” helping with the meals by furnishing a small part of the meal will be more agreeable to our members than requesting a major commitment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cub Scouts: Gary Ely and Keri Barr, Cub Scouts and Family Scouting representatives were guests to offer further discussion on the council’s previous 5-2 vote to support Cub Scout Pack #4923 in its request for Bethany’s approval to join *Family Scouting*. Since February 2018, 10 (ten) girls in grades 1-5 have registered to become members of Cub Scouts’ Family Scouting program. This group of girls is the first group in the state of Montana to receive their scouting pins. A ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the ARK.

Emergency Phone Tree: Jan Olson developed an emergency phone tree. She distributed copies to council members and explained the procedure. Pastor Christopher will initiate phone calls to each executive council member (Ron, Jan, Linda), who then will contact 2 (two) specified council members; all council members will then contact the names on their assigned Responsibility Lists. Pastor will update our Responsibility Lists; members will be asked for phone numbers, and if a call, text, or email is preferable.

Vicki’s Letter: RobinLynn, Vickie Bagley and Karyl Gopp continue work on the letter. There needs to be clarification on members who are attending and not attending.

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NEW BUSINESS:

ARK—disposition of equipment: Some furniture has been sold. Leftovers need to be disposed of. We will contact Salvation Army or ReStore about taking remaining items.

Trust Fund Revision: The search continues for records for the last Trust Fund revision.

Camperships: 3 (three) applications for camperships have been received. The budgeted amount of \$600.00 may cover all 3 because Pastor Christopher's daughter receives a discounted price from FLBC.

Explore Bigfork Ad: After discussion, it was thought that consumers of this book published by the Daily InterLake would be more interested in recreational and cultural activities than worship services. **A motion was made** to purchase an ad if it could be done for less than \$50.00 and the purchase was done by the deadline. **Motion passed.**

Community Meal: See BOW Report above.

Reclaim hymnals: \$292.38 was the amount not used for purchase of *Reclaim* hymnals after the initial transfer of funds. **A motion was made** to return the balance of \$292.38 to the hymnal line item in the Memorial Funds. **Motion carried.**

Linda will be absent for the next regular council meeting and notified the council that someone will need to be prepared to take minutes.

NEXT MEETING: June 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the church library.

COUNTERS: May: RobinLynn and Jerry
June: Kelly and Mike

This portion of the meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Council members were asked to stay for a closed session, beginning at 9:00 PM. The purpose of the session was to explain the procedures behind Pastor Christopher's upcoming performance review in June, and to answer questions related as such.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Dahlman
Council Secretary

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