

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018**

Present: Patty Fess, Joann Kilgus, Mike McCoy, Randy Nelson and Barb Olson
Meeting opened with prayer at 10:50 am.

Secretary Report

Secretary, Patty Fess presented the Council Meeting Minutes dated October 17, 2017. Mike McCoy moved and Randy Nelson seconded to approve and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mike McCoy distributed the Profit and Loss statement for Bethany from January to date. We have had a few contributions this year, one being from Thrivent for \$250. The largest expense so far has been to Ryan Sherman, for \$2000 towards the upkeep of the website and the Livestream. The Endowment Fund has \$234, 591. For the start of the year we are in good shape financially.

Old Business

Pulpit Light

Randy may be able to install the pulpit light next week prior to the opening.

New Vacuum

Joann will check on getting a new upright vacuum with a longer cord.

Parsonage Kitchen Stools

Mike and Marge have placed two new kitchen stools in the parsonage to replace the broken stool from last season.

New Business

Update on preparations for the upcoming season

Mike will be making new nametags for our newest members and to replace those that may have been misplaced over the last season. Patty will plant flowers in the entrance planter at the parsonage. Barb will plant the window boxes at the church and will meet the organ tuner Dennis Mullins at the church on Friday. Randy has contacted Travis Price to do some masonry work on the lower wall at Bethany. He has also contacted the landscapers to replace the trees that did not survive the winter. Garden's by Chelsea has pruned and put down new mulch at the church and will be planting flowers there. Next Chelsea will look at the parsonage to trim back the cedars. True Green has been contacted to put down weed killer and fertilizer. Patty will distribute rack cards and posters to the hotels in Ephraim.

Steeple Painting

Randy will begin contacting painters again this spring to see if anyone will be available to paint Bethany's steeple.

Possible Candidates for Church Council and Council President

Joann will send out a letter asking these people to serve on council: Carol Stoelting, Jim Jordan, Ron Fischer, Jim Reeve, Jim or Judy Schwengel and Ron or Lois Litterst. Jane Nelson was recommended for Council President.

Offer of Nancy Jordan to help with tasks

Nancy Jordan will receive a key to Bethany in order to bring bulletins to church and the parsonage and to change the hymn board. She will pick up the bulletins at the printer for the June 3rd service and anytime we need her. She is also willing to change the signboard and bring treats to the parsonage.

Date of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, July 22, 2018.

List of Who and When Council is Available

Joann noted when council members would be unavailable to make sure we would have a council member for each Sunday. Patty and Joann will host the first coffee on May 27th. On July 5th, the Kilguses and the McCoys will meet to clean the parsonage as the cleaning service is on vacation that week.

Cry Room Remodel

The first step will be to clean out the Cry Room and thoughtfully deal with the items and records stored there. After Bethany closes the room may be remodeled.

Volunteers for Open House

Joann and Barb will be at Bethany on June 15th at 1:30 for the Moravian Street Tour.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Fess, council secretary

Next Council Meeting, July 5th at 10:30 am.