

Bethany Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2019

Present: President-Jane Nelson, Treasurer-Mike McCoy, Secretary-Patty Fess, Trustees-Ron Fischer, Joann Kilgus, Randy Nelson, and Jim Schwengel

Past Presidents-Brian Blazer and Chuck Pearson

Members: Debbie Fischer, Wally Kilgus, Lois Litterst, Ron Litterst, Marge McCoy, Ellie Pearson, Judy Schwengel, Gail Szczepanski, Max Szczepanski, Anne Van De Ven and Dick Van De Ven.

Guests: Merrial Allison, Heidi Free, Lori Free and Camilla Ross

Meeting called to order by President Jane Nelson at 10:40 a.m. Jane opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report

It was moved and seconded to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2018. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mike McCoy provided a detailed report of Bethany's financials to each person present. For the year we have taken in \$16,168 with expenses of \$11,590 leaving us with net revenue of \$4,577. Some of our expenses that have increased are insurance, lawn and landscaping, Charter fees, and utilities due to new A/C.

Mike has kept track of how much of our offering comes in cash. For this year the total offering is \$15,635 with \$1,185 in cash. For 2018, total collections were \$44,908 with \$3,762.70 given in cash.

The total income for 2018 was \$64,106 with expenses of \$48,333 resulting in net revenue of \$15,773. Included in the income of \$64,106 was a gain in our investments of \$10,967 that realistically would reduce the net revenue to \$4,806.

While the attendance is down for this year the revenue is higher. At the end of the first quarter we had \$245,701 in the Heritage Endowment Fund with \$2,313 in savings, it will be deposited when that amount reaches \$2,500. Currently, we have a strong cash position of \$77,235.

Wally Kilgus moved and Randy Nelson seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

President's Report

Jane thanked those present for the honor of being the president of Bethany Lutheran Church. She spoke about how Bethany has been an all-volunteer church since 1966. It has been a joyful experience so far working with the other council members for the good of God and his people.

She had special thanks for many members working behind the scenes. First, Nancy Jordan has made a Christmas card for every Bethany household and a keepsake card for members and guests who visit at Bethany. She also picks up the bulletins every week from the printer and distributes them as needed. Mike McCoy,

our treasurer, works diligently on Bethany's financials and also schedules the pastors for the coming season. Mike, along with Marge, takes care of many matters at the parsonage and the church. Patty Fess writes an informative email about Bethany every week during the time we are open. Ron Fischer creates the bulletins for each Sunday service. Barb Olson quietly goes about her business creating floral bouquets for each Sunday and her husband Dave sings for us or finds musicians for special music each Sunday. We thank Lori Free for providing organ music and Chuck Pearson for helping out with some of the technicalities of the live stream. Randy does a great job of taking care of the Bethany property. Jane thanked all the others who host coffees, read, usher and help Bethany to serve God as best as we can. She also thanked God for all that is provided.

Membership Report

Patty Fess stated we currently have 124 members, 4 more than we had last year at this time. Sadly, three members passed this year. They are Evan Haag, Betty McMurry and Kendall Parker. The Member Email reaches 103 households. Patty also circulated a sheet for all present to sign and a copy of the directory for any additions or corrections to personal entries.

Building and Grounds

Randy Nelson reported for all those working on Bethany property. At the parsonage, the smoke detectors are being replaced with new ones that detect smoke and carbon monoxide. Last year an air conditioner and heat pump were installed at the church. A contractor has been hired to paint the steeple but has not yet gotten to the work. Last fall the contractor removed the louvers from the steeple. He has repaired, painted and reinstalled them. The demolition and remodeling of the Cry Room has been delayed until this fall. Randy is in the process of finding someone to rebuild the stone wall that wraps around the front of the church.

Old Business

As there was no old business, Jane moved on to new business.

New Business

Jane asked for a member volunteer to work with Jim Shwengel as a representative on the Heritage Endowment Board. Ron Litterst volunteered to be the representative.

The next Annual Meeting of Bethany will be in July of 2020.

Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:55

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Fess, council secretary