

Bethel Council Minutes
October 4, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT; Pr. Ode, Marlys Pickrell -President, Susan Logen- Secretary -, Carol Hovick- At large, Elia Smith- At large,

ABSENT: Doug Bauer- Vice President, Jordan Rayborn -Treasurer, Dave Salmon- At large, Kathy Carrow- At large, Beth Sundquist- At large

Guest: Judy Goulet

Meeting opened at: 11:02 AM

Opened with prayer by Pastor Ode.

Pastor's Report- The offer from the Buddhist Group would serve as a backup to the Intracorp offer (Intracorp has not officially pulled out yet). The offer from the Buddhist group is for \$3.9 Million Cash (though it could be changed pending an inspection). The current offer is valid for 3 business days, but can likely be extended – once signed, as written it would be valid until Dec 2016. Intracorp has until Oct 23rd 2015 to either pull out or extend for 30 days (it will cost them \$10,000 for each extension). Bethel Ethiopian is unlikely to be able to match the offer from the Buddhist Group, but might still provide a viable offer via some sort of alternative structure.

Basically, we need to figure out what we are doing and what our ministry is. We need to start working on it now, not waiting until we sell or relocate to plan out our future goals.

A start to this would be to reorganize the worship space in the sanctuary so it is more usable by our small congregation. We could remove 5 to 6 pews on each side to open up an area for children and get our members to be closer together for the worship service.

We can store the pews in the concrete jungle and/or see if we can sell or give some away.

Jordan Rayborn would like to step down as Treasurer as the Rayborns are looking at other church options -- we need to find a new Treasurer. Marlys will approach Lizzy Peterson

The constitution provides that when a member of the council resigns the council can elect a replacement until the next regular congregational meeting Section c12.03.

This also means that we lose the supplier of Gluten free bread for communion. Discussion on if we need gluten free bread or if regular bread. Decided we do not need Gluten free at this time. Possible pita bread would be good it is less likely to fall apart when dipped in the chalice.

Tent city has asked for an extension, Pastor will be meeting with them next week.

Our rental groups are paying the cost of keeping the building operating – which is good (it means we are nearly sustainable on that end). However, they are not paying for salaries, maintenance or repairs on the building – which is a big burden for our congregation.

We have our regular council meeting on 10.08.15 at 7PM to work on the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted Susan Logen