

Bethel Council Minutes
December 10th 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlys Pickrell -President, Doug Bauer- Vice President, Susan Logen- Secretary, Carol Hovick- At large, Dave Salmon- At large, Kathy Carrow- At large, Elia Smith- At large, Beth Sundquist- At large
Pr. Ode via phone.

ABSENT: Jordan Rayborn -Treasurer

Meeting opened at: 7 PM

Devotions: Beth Sundquist

Prayers for friends of Bethel: Kathy's nephew at age 16 has determined that he is gay. Pray for help in being himself & for acceptance by family and friends.

Carol's niece Kjersten had neck surgery pray for healing.

Bev Barstead has Siadh syndrome pray for strength, hope & healing.

Minutes: from 11/12/15 approved as written.

Financial Report: We have \$733.00 in checking and still need to meet payroll.

Grant funds from synod of \$7,500.00 we have \$1,044.00 left.

We have been spending the minimum necessary so that we do not have to use any more than necessary from the loan.

President's report: Pastor and Marlys signed closing papers today. The Closing should happen on Monday.

Pastor's Report: (Marlys called & put Pastor Chris on speaker phone.) He submitted a written report. Signed closing paperwork for sale of current site today. The closing should happen Monday. We should clear \$3.5 million after sale costs. Hope to be able to close on the N. City site Friday. The current tenant there has to be given 60 day notice so our time frame for moving into the upper floor would be about 2/18/15. The bottom floor would be available to us as soon as we sign. That means that some of the groups that are going with us could move to the new building before we will be able to. We would be able to put some of the things we are taking with us into storage in the bottom floor. We would only move what we don't need to use right now so we don't have to move it again.

The Buddhist group has agreed to let us stay in the current building until the end of January & Pastor believes they will have no problem extending that into February.

We do need to work on selling or giving away the stuff that we are not moving. We should be cleaning out the building.

Discussion about contacting other Churches, Auction house, Sell via garage sale, Members buying items they are interested in. Need to advertise. Ask the Synod to post something on their web site to inform other churches. An article in the Shoreline news.

We also discussed and approved letting Rachel Schoeld take the timpani drums that she wanted. As long as she picks them up and moves them.

Pastor also discussed getting bids from contractors on the fixes to the new building the biggest of which will be the lift & stairwell at the back of the building. We should make the back of the building more inviting as that is where the parking is and were most people will be entering the building.

Pastor has notified most of the groups that meet in the current building that the closing is being done. The main one he has not been able to meet with yet is Bethel Ethiopian.

Bruce Lemmon was given written notice that he needs to vacate the Parsonage by 1/19/16. It was 45 day written notice.

Discussed possibly making a gift to Bruce Lemmon out of appreciation of the years of service he has given to Bethel. Decision made that as a gesture of thanks we will give Bruce Lemmon a onetime gift of \$3,000.00.

New Business: Kathy made a motion that we sponsor/mentor Pastor Yonsu Kim and his congregation as a new ministry of the ELCA NW WA Synod. Motion was seconded and carried.

Council also authorized a gift be given to our 3 staff members with their December pay. Gift card to a restaurant of \$50 each to Pastor, Judy & Ben. Kathy will handle that.
The nominating committee needs two council member. Marlys said she will be one however we need one more. They will start meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted Susan Logen
Next month meeting is on 01/14/16
Devotions in January are Dave Salmon