

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SHORELINE

Congregational meeting

May 22 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:35am in the gathering space

A quorum is present

Minutes from November 15 2015 approved as amended with two corrections

Need to add: We need a financial statement/blurb on a monthly basis in the bulletin. It should be at the end of the following month. April would be at the end of May.

2nd correction is that in the part about nominating committee it should state: The council will choose two members at our (not out) next council meeting.

Slate of proposed council presented by Carol Hovick

President- Kathy Carrow

Vice President- Doug Bauer

Secretary- Sue Logen

At Large Members:

Scott DeLap

Carol Hovick

Marlys Pickrell

Lynlee Ritchie

David Salmon

Elia Smith

Marlys let us know that we did not have anyone for Treasurer that the council will decide as a group how to handle the Treasurer job. This was open for discussion.

Don Brown wants us to not only have a Treasurer, but also a financial secretary. There should be two sets of books. Discussion followed.

The way it is done now the counters (two members each week) count the money and record it on a sheet. They give this to Judy & she puts it on the computer. The counters make the deposit. The bookkeeper has been keeping a separate set of books on the computer. For payments the bookkeeper makes the checks but never signs them. The checks are given to the Treasurer, Pastor, or other authorized signer to sign and the bookkeeper keeps track of the payouts.

Pastor Chris called us on being out of order. We need to talk about the slate of proposed officers.

Vote called for on the slate of officers

Don Brown moved to accept it. It was seconded. Vote taken & passed unanimously.

New business:

Don Brown suggests that we have a one or two-member rotation per year of council members so that we are not electing the whole council each year. Discussion that is it very hard to find people who will agree to be on council for more than one year at a time. Chuck said that we need to keep the system we have right now. Not make any major changes to council. We have had enough major changes as a congregation in the last two years

Pastor reminded us that last year we passed the budget knowing that it was going to be temporary. Now that we have the money we will have to relearn our relationship with money. We will need to create a structure this year to deal with the money. Starting in the council but going congregation wide we need to decide how we want to make the money work for the kingdom of God. Pastor would like to look at bringing on some additional staff now that we have funds. We need to have conversation as to what we value and what we want to be doing going forward. What should our ministry look like? We need to have house meetings.

Now that we have moved to our new location Marlys stated that the council will be working to figure out what our mission is, what to do with investments & adding to staff.

Pastor stated that we are all exhausted and need to allow ourselves some time to put things into perspective. Being aware of how we structure finance's and all of that is important. However, we need to allow ourselves time to get used to being in the new place.

Kathy stated we are God driven we need to pray about what we are doing.

Closed in Prayer by Pastor Chris 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted Susan Logen