

Bethel Council Minutes
8.11.16

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pr. Ode, Kathy Carrow -President, Doug Bauer- Vice President, Susan Logen- Secretary, Carol Hovick - At large, Marlys Pickrell - At large, Elia Smith - At large, Lynlee Ritche -At large

ABSENT: Dave Salmon - At large, Scott DeLap - At large.

Meeting opened at 7:02PM

Devotions by Kathy Carrow

Prayers for friends of Bethel

Carol's sister Barb having surgery for breast cancer on the 26th

Mona Drake at Rehab place after her fall

Kathy's son Mike broke his hand in a racetrack accident

Minutes: June & July approved as submitted

Financial Report:

June

Total Income \$10,201.64

Total Expenses \$24,452.81

Net Loss \$14,251.17

July

Total Income \$14,026.60

Total Expenses \$19,890.14

Net Loss \$5,863.54

We do need to start looking at budget.

Leonard Jones wants to rent office space downstairs. Since they are for profit, we would have to get an exception. Do not want to do that until after our tax-exempt status has been transferred to our new building. Kathy is working on getting the paperwork submitted for tax-exempt status.

Pastor's Report:

He had a good vacation

Jazz walk next week. They would like us to have staff to take tickets. Lynn Chemey joined us to talk about jazz walk. Expect people about 6:20. Group plays for 45 min, takes 15 min break and we move people out during that time. 6:30-7:15 for 1st show. People have wristbands that they show. No tickets to collect. Just have to make sure they have one. Bands will come about 5pm to set up.

We will set up chairs in sanctuary on Monday. Need to move altar & all of that out of the way.

We might have about 500 people. We will plan for 200 root beer floats.

Street closes at 6pm. We can park at water district or at Saint Marks. Street opens at 10:30pm

Lights in lower parking lot - most are out. Lynn Chemey cell # 425-231-3149. Per Lynn they have planned around the lights in lower parking lot.

Has not heard back from the guy who was going to submit a bid for the sign. We need bids for the sign, sound system, and the tree in the back. Elia and Bruce will work to get bids on the tree. To include removal & stump ground down. We also have some dead trees on the side. Will see what it would cost to get those removed too.

Lynlee looked at some information on line for the sign. Pastor and Lynlee will work on that.

Bruce painted the old Bethel sign. We may want to paint the building. If we do we might need to change the color of the sign. Would be helpful to have colors of everything work together. Work on the logo and find out what it would look like.

Sound system: We had the one bid but had questions on it. Morgan sound bid on the sound system. Main av station in sanctuary to all four tv's including the gathering space. Speakers in the gathering space that would be controlled so that people can choose to hear what is going on or not. The extra room down the hall we should run cable to it while we are working on the sound. Microphones In sanctuary – two wireless and one stick. Kathy will put together a list of adhoc committees that we need and have members sign up so they are part of the decision process.

Confirmation class - has a few possible children. Will need curriculum for the class. Not in budget. Ok'd to purchase curriculum.

Sarah has purchased curriculum for Sunday school. She will teach class starting in September after service. Building blessing on Sept 18th at 10am. The Bishop will be here. Pastor Chris is trying to get other groups involved. We want to serve cinnamon rolls and fresh fruit.

Need to look at staffing. We need to work with a consultant about staffing. Consultant would help us figure out what staffing we need and how to get there. Eric from TLC has contacts and experience. We need community person/communications person.

We need to have a council retreat either in September or October. Will send out a doodle to see what dates work for council members.

Our website is compromised and has been for a while with Malware. We use word press for our website. Pastor found a free protection program from a local company called Word Fence that he put on our site. However, our website needs to be cleaned up. Word Fence does do site cleanup. For \$180.00 they will clean out the infection that is there, figure out how it happened and give us a premium version of their protection. After the initial \$180.00 fee this year the cost would be \$100 a year. We decided that this is worth the cost.

Pastor felt the class he took in CA was well worth it. Workshop covered Youth outreach, communications/advertising within the community, website, face book, twitter, Instagram and Developing second service.

Discussion about wi-fi. Should we have open wi-fi for people who use our site or not.

We have to start the budget at our 9.8.16 meeting & get it settled in October. November is the congregational meeting to vote on budget. 11.20.16 congregational meeting
No committee reports at this meeting, it will be for passing the budget & finding a nominating committee. We need a treasurer – the treasurer would prepare the budget and work through the budget. The treasurer decides what can be paid & when. The bookkeeper and treasurer would meet once a week to discuss for about an hour. Signers on checks are Chuck, Marlys, Bruce Smith & Pastor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted Susan Logen
Next month meeting --- 9.8.16
Devotions -- Marlys