

Bethel Council Minutes  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pr. Ode, Kathy Carrow - President, Susan Logen - Secretary, Carol Hovick - At large, Scott DeLap – At large, Dave Salmon - At large, Marlys Pickrell - At large, Elia Smith - At large  
Lynlee Ritchie - At large

**ABSENT:** Doug Bauer - Vice President.

**Meeting Opened:** 7:04 PM

**Devotions:** Marlys Pickrell

**Prayers for friends of Bethel:** Mona Drake, The council, thankful that Mikes hand surgery went well.

**Minutes:** August minutes accepted as submitted

**Financial Report** – Total Income - \$8,175.89

Total Expenses - \$20,342.22

Net Loss - \$6,141.67

What do we do with the funds we have sitting in checking? It is not making any interest. Talk about starting an endowment fund. What would make the most interest?

For the coming budget we need to look at paying travel for people who do visitation ministry for us. We need to determine what funds we need to finish the remodeling and what we will need for budget and what we have to invest.

We need a treasurer. The Treasurer has to come from the council. The treasure would look at the budget. Note trends. Treasure meets with bookkeeper once a week about an hour. Tells the bookkeeper what checks are written. Checks over \$500 need two signatures. They would get someone to counter sign.

Marlys will take the Treasure job & Lynlee wants to see what the job involves so she will work with Marlys.

**Pastor's Report:** 9/18/16 is the site blessing. Bishop Kirby will be here.

**Unfinished business:** Logo- 3 basic concepts sent to us by Michael Sladeck

Discussion about what we like & do not like on the three designs. Likes the open door on the round one. The first one stands out. Needs a doorknob so people know it is a door. The doors should be more open. A different cross (the green looks like the marawana medical cross).

One person likes the rose with the heart & cross. Others thought the rose it looks like a badge. It is old fashioned. The door on the building (Third one) does not look very good. The third one does not look good.

Michael tried to keep it simple so it can be versatile.

Likes the first symbol with the lettering out to the side from the symbol. The circle is nice instead of the square.

We are at least 3 months from a permanent sign. Sign guy will deal with the city of Shoreline, getting permits etc. We need a temporary sign with bigger writing so people can see Bethel. Cost is about 100.00. Dave will get the temp sign.

Sound system update. Pastor has an outside person who will look at the bids. We have three right now but they are different. The bids don't seem to include everything, which is why the outside person is needed.

Pastor will talk to Scott after this meeting about what works for confirmation.

Sara will start teaching Sunday school next Sunday after worship.

Tree removal project is a matter of nagging the contractors. Scott will take this over from Pastor.

Biggest difference is \$1500.00. We have to make sure that they grind the stump down so that we can build on it.

We then discussed the plants that are around the tree and contacting the garden clubs if they would want them. Lake forest park garden club – Elia will contact them. Possibly the Park Ridge and North City garden clubs too. Kathy & Elia will work on this.

Pastor used the white board to draw a picture of the downstairs to illustrate the area that the plants & tree are in and why they need to go. He indicated the possible ramp for wheelchair access to reach the community room from the parking lot. Also talked about a fence around the playground. Do we need a permanent fence? If we do then we need the ramp. If it is a temporary fence, then we do not need the ramp.

Consultant option- council retreat.

Consultant Rev Erik Samuelson – vocation ministry. He helped students at TLC to discern what they wanted to do with their life. Asking for \$3,000.00 for the consulting fee.

Motion made by Dave for us to move ahead with the contract with Erik Samuelson for the \$3,000.00 consulting fee. Discussion followed. Motion carried

Committee help sign-up for Congregation. we should wait until after the first meeting with Erik.

Kathy sending out a budget worksheet to us. It is a excel spreadsheet.

Some Art was purchased for the building

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Respectfully submitted Susan Logen

Next months meeting is on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Devotions - Lynlee