

Bethel Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting February 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 12:08 PM by President Ann Marie Kenitzer; a quorum was present

Opening Prayer

Pr. Ben

Minutes (from previous congregational meeting 8/21/16)

Ann Marie Kenitzer

- No corrections; minutes approved as written

Senior Pastor Report

Pr. Ben Bergren

- Pr. Ben announced that Dave Denny will serve in the previously approved position for Spiritual Care. Dave will work with both Pastor Ben and Patricia Meyerholtz as a team. His responsibilities will include: providing spiritual care to those in need, work to develop a “disciplining” initiative, and provide some sermons.
- Pr. Ben reminded us of the importance of inviting others to worship – an important method for sharing Jesus with others.
- Reviewed Bethel’s core values as a basis for guiding decisions:
 - Hospitality to all
 - Christ-centered community
 - Spiritual growth & discipleship
 - Generosity
 - Responding to the needs of others
- Presented a montage of photos highlighting events in 2016
- Thanked
 - Members for the privilege to serve as Pastor
 - Council
 - Staff

School Report

Dawn De Bois- Weber

- Bible verse for 2017: Jerimiah 29:11
- Reviewed activities within the school
 - Active Learners
 - STEM Classes offered (focus on science, technology, engineering, math) to enhance students’ problem solving and collaboration skills
 - MAP scores (a standardized testing method) validated that Bethel students are performing at or above grade level. Many students have English as a second language.
 - Christian Leaders
 - Fostering community.
 - “Eagle time” – a one-hour time bimonthly for school-wide activities

- Joint activities with BLC
 - Service – Joined BLC in service projects as well as developed their own
 - Prayer request – BLS is in the midst of the WASC accreditation process. A team will be present the first week in April, including Sunday worship. Please be welcoming and engaged.

Facilities Update

Tom Hoegel

- An assessment of the physical plant found structures are relatively sound and functioning well and should do so for several years. The notable exception is the need to remove two tall pine trees which are becoming a safety hazard.
- Bethel is the first church and school to be Green Biz certified.
- Reported on significant repairs during the past year, including residing the upper part of Zoar Hall, painting Zoar and part of sanctuary exterior
- Will re-lamp the sanctuary ceiling lights with LEDs
- Provided updates on sanctuary re-carpeting project
- Beginning to explore needs related to revamping Torvend Hall

Youth Update

Tom Hoegel

- Common Ground begins 2/6/17. This year's theme is "Begin Forever. Western States Youth Gathering will convene this summer in southern CA.

Financial Update

Eric Brown

- Current status
 - General Fund Giving: \$23,000 above projected giving
 - Total income: \$32,000 above projections
 - Spending: \$3,500 above projections
- Our 2017 budget included a \$30,000 deficit. We are well on our way to resolve this deficit this year.

President's Message

Ann Marie

- Ann Marie thanked:
 - Pastor Ben for helping us with constructing our core values and living them out.
 - Ministry leads
 - Council

New Business

Ann Marie

- Elections
 - Fiscal Officer Dave Larsen
 - Member-at-Large Dianne Stauffer
 - Communications Officer Ann Marie Kenitzer
 - Ministry Liaison Sue Lampkin
 - Above approved by membership

- Continuing members: Tom McAvoy, Robin Winegardner, Patrice Sera/Doreen Baldwin
- Positions that remain open
 - President elect, Project Manager Advisor, Youth Member-at-Large
- Nominating Committee
 - Scott Anderson – approved by membership
- Synod Assembly Delegates (Meeting will convene in Fresno, in May)
 - Dave Lofgren & Rachel Bergren approved to serve
 - Two additional candidates still needed

Dorothy Meyer Award

- Award for someone who exhibits Christian ideals and principles in all aspects of daily life and joyfully participates in service to Bethel
- Awardee receives \$500 for donation to charity of choice
- 2017 Award to Dave Tribby & Susan Leavitt

Transfer of Presidency

- Tom McAvoy assumes this role

Thanks for service

- Pr. Ben thanked Lois Brouillette for her dedicated nineteen years of service leading Mission Outreach

Closing Prayer

Pr. Ben

Meeting Adjourned 1:10 PM

Submitted by Mary L. Thomas, 2/5/16