

**Bethel Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2018**

**Members Present:** quorum was present: 86 members signed in.

**Meeting start:** 12:19 PM

Topic	Discussion	Action
Devotion: Pastor Ben		
Meeting minutes:	Minutes from February 4, 2018 Congregational meeting approved	
Pastor's Report: Pr. Ben	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Church Mission statement was read.</li> <li>• From April until August, 80% of the Pastor's time was focused on the school and its finances</li> <li>• Need more pre-schoolers enrolled to have the school to continue.</li> <li>• Thank you to the Quilters and all that they do.</li> </ul>	
Ministry Reports: Sue Lampkin		
School Report: Doreen Baldwin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for volunteers to be visiting readers on Fridays.</li> <li>• Please join the children mid-week for worship at 9 AM</li> <li>• BLS has a new pre-school director: Nikki Hufana.</li> <li>• Market our school in the community</li> </ul>	

Business Report and Finances: Dave Larsen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee members: Pastor Ben, Dave Larsen, Dave Tribby, Fara Brock, Jack Wedgewood</li> <li>• The bus loan has been paid off as of February, 2018</li> <li>• Mortgage-\$643,000 balance, 4.375% loan over 25 years, interest rate is adjusted every seven years (next is fall 2022)</li> <li>• FY-19 compared to FY 18 budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total income reduce by \$76,000</li> <li>○ Assume general fund giving stays flat to 2018 (\$690K)</li> <li>○ Removing \$132,000 School Administrative change due to close of elementary school</li> <li>○ Moving all facility use income to the church. Result is increase of \$56,000 income for 2019 from summer camp rentals that in prior years were accounted to the school from renting classrooms.</li> <li>○ No church receptionist now.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Currently marketing to rent Zoar Hall to another school which will bring in a much higher amount</li> <li>• Recommended 2019 Budget: \$34,000 deficit budget with general giving assumed flat at \$690K.</li> <li>• Motion for budget- Dave Tribby, Hella Bluhm-Stieber second the motion. Budget Motion was approved by vote.</li> </ul>	
Facilities- Tom Hoegel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission to Mexico- last week in September</li> <li>• Tree removal in progress. No one hurt when tree came down. \$8 K to remove, replace and irrigation</li> <li>• The Cunningham Planter was installed</li> <li>• Welcome zone's tables and benches from The Hanson Family have been set up.</li> </ul>	
Old Business	None	
Eric Hanson Award	2018 Eric Hanson Award went to The Quilters	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of new officers- none elected</li> <li>• HR Function and President Elect are open --- continuing search for these positions</li> </ul>	
Meeting adjourned 1:17 PM		
Closing prayer: Pastor Ben		

Submitted by : Dianne Stauffer