

Bethel UCC Consistory Meeting

February 13, 2018

Members present: Karen Lisowe, Tom Birschbach, Fred Kraemer, Rich Lange, Mark Zimmerman, Lenora Stuckmann, Dennis Roethel, and Pastor Jim Klein.
Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:34pm and Rev. Klein shared an opening prayer.

Reports: It was moved by (Rich/Tom) to approve the January consistory minutes as well as the annual meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by
Report of Receipts, the
Memorial Fund report and
motion carried



Consistory Notes

(Rich/Mark) to approve the
Report of Expenses, the
the Building Fund report. The
unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Most of Rev. Klein's time was spent preparing bulletins and worship services. He has also arranged guest speakers for Lenten services. He will confirm each one before the Lenten service that week. Each speaker will be discussing the missions they work with in Sheboygan and Manitowoc county. Dennis wondered if donating the offering each night to the organization, the speaker is from, it is usually a free will offering, but there was discussion of passing the plates around each service. We will ask Cindy to add an announcement to the bulletin that the offering will be for the organizations.

Maundy Thursday will be a Tenebrae service that will involve candles being put out instead of lighting them. Rev. Klein mentioned that Connor would be presenting his Statement of Faith before his confirmation this year. We were unsure if there were gifts given to the confirmands by the church, and Dennis will ask Carol Eckardt or Mardel Bloom if they were aware of anything.

Correspondence: Dennis received a letter from the Hurricane relief thanking us for the donation we made.

Unfinished Business:

- The vote on the constitution was discussed, we were unsure if the members understood the clarification on wording that was voted on.

New Business:

- Dennis received a letter from the Sheboygan County Sheriff to update the key list, he verified who the consistory knew had keys and will send in the form.
- Rev. Klein wasn't sure he had enough ashes, but Karen had given him some palms that night, so he was going to burn them and he thought he would then have enough.
- Only Karen and Jodi are left on the mission team, there was discussion on who the consistory would ask to be on the committee.

- The Johannes family is willing to take over the Penny Pail responsibilities, Dennis stressed to them his concern to keep the missions local to our area. The Penny Pail for the month of March will be going to Angel Hugs.
- Lisa Grubisic would like to lead the youth fellowship, however this means we need to look for someone to post on Facebook for us. There was also discussion if we would like to open new social media platforms and need someone to lead the social media accounts.
- The new monthly meeting time will be the second Tuesday of each month, but the time of 6:30 will remain the same. The next meeting is March 13, 2018 at 6:30pm.
- The search committee provided an update. Jim Raquet has the profile, which will need to be signed and passed along to Jane Anderson for her

approval. From our experiences, we are unsure how long it will take her to review

and post the profile for applicants to review, but they were hoping by the end of March that we would start receiving applications. Rich also updated the financials from 2015 the search committee has requested to be updated prior.

- It was moved (Rich/Mark) that Rev. Klein's contract will be extended for 3 months, it carried unanimously. We discussed with him that we would avoid scheduling him every 3 weeks, as those are the weeks he has chemotherapy and is very fatigued.
- Mark will notify John Flesch who does the snow removal about the meeting time change, and ask what were to happen if John was on vacation.
- Dennis confirmed that the mail was being picked up by Rev. Klein or by Cindy at least 2 times a week.

It was moved (Rich/Mark) to adjourn our meeting at 7:46pm and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lenora Stuckmann