

Bethel UCC Consistory Meeting

March 13, 2018

Members Present: Dennis Roethel, Tom Birschbach, Rich Lange, Lenora Stuckmann, Beverly Voss, Mark Zimmerman, and Rev. Jim Klein.

Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.

Reports: It was moved (Bev/Mark) to approve the February Consistory Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved (Mark/Rich) to approve the Report of Receipts, the Report of Expenses, the Memorial Fund and the Building Fund report. The motion carried unanimously. We discussed including income and expenses in the meeting minutes, and it was decided we would no longer do this, as the financial statements are posted on the bulletin board.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Klein shared the days he spent preparing worship between home and work as well. He did include he attends to church matters almost daily. Rev. Klein had made thank you cards for all of the Lenten speakers. He also shared that Connor Grubisic is scheduled to be confirmed this year, he has completed all of his required tasks, and he will be presenting his statement of faith on March 18th. The motion was made (Tom/Mark) for Connor to be confirmed this year. It carried unanimously.

Correspondence: A letter was received from St. John's UCC (Schwartzwald) that they have decided to withdraw their membership completely from the rural church fellowship.

Old Business:

- It was moved (Rich/Bev) that the speakers for the Lenten services would each receive a \$50 check for their organizations in their thank you card, as the offerings during each service were close to that amount.

New Business:

- The calendar in the messenger as well as the bulletin will have the person preaching each Sunday.
- There was discussion on the amount a layperson was paid to preach each service, we were unsure if \$125 was enough, however, that is the amount recommended by the conference. We decided to discuss this again when preparing the budget for next year.
- The Spring Church clean-up will happen on April 21st with a backup date of April 28th.
- Dennis handed out an updated membership contact list, two addresses were updated from the prior version, and Rev. Klein's phone number was added.

- The Northeast Association Annual Meeting is April 28th, Rev. Klein will be attending and an announcement will be made for any members that would like to attend as delegates.
- The Spring raffle signup sheets are due March 25th, the Drawing will be on May 27th which is Memorial Day weekend as that has worked great in the past.
- The Search Committee is waiting to hear from Jane Anderson with the first few applicants that have submitted their information. Once they meet with her, they can start interviewing.
- Dennis found out that our insurance rates will be drastically changing in 2020 because the Small Church Pension Board that we are a part of will no longer exist. There are meetings scheduled that Dennis plans to attend to learn more.
- The Rural Church Fellowship has put together a Sweet Celebration of Tune and Tortes on Sunday, April 22nd at 1:30pm at Immanuel UCC, an announcement will be made in the messenger and bulletin.
- Dennis reminded Rev. Klein about his interim Pastor duties, especially discussing the visitation of shut-ins to ensure this is happening on a more frequent basis.
- The confusion that occurred on Sunday, March 11th's last hymn was discussed. Rev. Klein admitted his typo of the wrong hymn in the bulletin. Dennis will reach out to Janet with an apology.
- Lenora and Dennis are switching their Communion Sundays, Lenora will now have April, and Dennis will have May.
- We decided we would try to work a night at the Plymouth race again in July; we will need about 40 people to put this event on.
- John Flesch who does our snow removal was contacted to see who removes the snow if he is ever on vacation, and he does find someone to cover for him. We will also ask that he send out a bill at the end of the season.

A motion (Rich/Tom) was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Rev. Jim Klein ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Lenora Stuckmann