

Bethel UCC Consistory Minutes

April 10, 2018

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

Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

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

It was moved (Mark/Tom) to approve the Report of Receipts, the Report of Expenses, the Memorial Fund, and the Building Fund reports. The motion carried unanimously. \$625 that was specifically donated by members to the church Building Fund was transferred to the General Fund for payment of the new sign. The Penny Pail money from March was received.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Klein shared that most of his time during March was spent preparing for midweek Lenten services as well as Holy Week and Easter. He also made calls for home communion to Leone Dederling, Sandy Knier, Marilyn Spindler, and Audrey Ertel. He was also planning to attend the installation of Rev. Rae Ann Beebe as pastor of Saron UCC on April 15th at 3pm. Rev. Klein also submitted his quarterly report as the Interim minister to the Wisconsin Conference.

Rev. Klein asked for feedback on the soup supper, and we decided that this would need to be a conversation at the annual meeting, as well as input from our new pastor. This also brought up discussion on once again having a Good Friday Service, and a Sunrise Service for Easter. We again decided that this would need to be a conversation with our new pastor and at annual meeting.

Special Reports: The Cemetery Committee was going to attend, however Floyd was not feeling well, so we will invite them to another meeting.

Correspondence: A thank you note from the Salvation Army was received for an \$86.18 check that was received as a donation from the penny pail. The letter was dated March 20th.

Old Business:

- The spring clean-up date is scheduled for April 21st pending weather updates. Crystal gave Dennis a list of the items that needed to be done. It was also discussed to clean the outside of the fellowship hall.

- There will be delegates sent to the NE Association Annual Meeting on April 28th.
- The Spring Raffle drawing is on May 27th. A lot of people have taken tickets to sell.
- The Search Committee will be interviewing two candidates on April 17th. The candidates have given them some sample sermons. With the progress of the Search Committee, Dennis did mention to Rev. Klein that his call agreement will not be renewed at the end of May.

New Business:

- Dennis will be meeting with a prior member of the church who was removed for inactivity to try to bring them back into the congregation.
 - Dennis ordered more baptism certificates, as there are expected to be a couple of baptisms in May and June.
 - Dennis was going to find out from Jane if Lay people could perform baptisms and communions, just in case we do have a period where there is not a pastor.
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- Dennis updated the answering machine with his number for emergencies.
 - Dennis and Rev. Klein were contacted about two upcoming weddings. An October 2019 wedding is for a non-member couple of two different denominations. The other wedding is this October for Katrina Langely who used to attend our church years ago (Brunner Family).
 - Dennis reached out to the trustee for Natalie Stauss in reference to the letter we received, we still have not heard back.
 - April 22nd at 1:30, Immanuel is hosting the Tunes and Treats put on by the rural church fellowship. There is a sign up to bring tortes in the narthex.
 - Sunday April 15th, the Pine Haven Men of Harmony were performing at Saron UCC.
 - The Lakeland University Choir tour was happening Mid-April in our area.
 - We currently do not have a landscaping team, so we were brainstorming ideas as to how to make sure the flowerbeds are maintained.
 - We also noted that we are still in-need of a person to update our social media.
 - Currently Ken is changing the sign, until we have a new minister.
 - Mark suggested that we look at the pews for cracks; we did notice some of the pews had them. We will look at ways to best fix them.

There was a motion (Tom/Mark) to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. It carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Lenora Stuckmann