

**BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2018**

Call to Order: The BELC Congregational Meeting was called to order by Congregation President Debbie Viele at 11:04 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Led by Vicki Leighton.

Approval of Minutes from January 2018: Minutes of the January 2018 Congregational Meetings were accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Laurey Wyble reported that as of 05/13/18, \$145,602.85 was needed for the general fund and \$126,897.11 was received, for a deficit of (\$18,705.74). This is ahead of 2017 giving.

Treasurer's Report:

Vicki Leighton reported. Accounts are balanced, and bills are paid. A shortfall for the year is projected.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Matt Smith shared the National Youth Gathering in Houston is 6/27/18; 13 youth from BELC are attending. Parish Administrator Laurey Wyble and Pastor John Burrow have both been a blessing. The mission planning team is developing goals for five areas: Christ/Cross Centered, Congregational Care, Youth Ministry, Outreach, and Community Care. Celebration of the eucharist at all services will begin 9/16/18; the Board of Worship Life voted to approve this. The Board of Mutual Ministry empowered Pastor Matt to explore ways of keeping the Sunday services moving.

President's Report: Debbie Viele shared thank you to the Council and Board members. Thank you for approving the budget with a parish administrator position. Breslin Student Events Center has not notified BELC of any changes. Steve Viele is stepping down. Anyone interested in the position please talk with Steve.

For Action:

Election of Officers and Board Members. Jack Midgley moved and Vicki Leighton seconded that the ballot as printed and reviewed, with several additions, be cast as a unanimous ballot. Congregational council term lengths were clarified. Motion carried with voice vote.

For Information:

Mission Planning/Goal Setting Update. The guiding principles and purpose statement were adopted in January 2017. The planning committee consisted of 13 members. Goal statements and actions for the next five years are being developed.

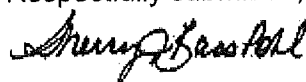
Samaritas. Johnathan Hand shared the mission home is occupied by individuals in the Independent Living Plus 6-12 month program. Two current occupants are from Rohingya.

Faith Family Fun Day. Liisa Whitman shared the City of Lansing received a grant last year which BELC is not eligible for this year. The City is interested in outreach to the community. In 2017 there were 107 bags of produce distributed.

Jack Midgley shared a six week summer program will begin 06/28/18.

Adjourn with Prayer: Prayer was led by Pastor Matt. The meeting ended at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry J Bass-Pohl, Secretary