

Bethany Council Meeting January 10, 2019

Clergy Present: Rev. Warner Bloomfield

Student Minister: Dianne Everitt

Council Members Present: Jean Clark, Frieda Glenney, Robert & Mary Gray, Norine Souter, Andrew & Alison Topp, Isaac & Brenda VanRavenswaay.

Regrets: Karen Allen, Genevieve Blagdon, Kathy & Ken Egger, Mary Leduc, Gwen Passmore, Glen Robins, Yola Rose, Betty Sawyers, Alice VanRavenswaay.

Norine Souter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Dianne opened the meeting by reading Matthew 10: 5-10 from "The Message": "You don't need a lot of equipment. You *are* the equipment."

Additions to the Agenda: 1 - Elect Nominating Committee, 2 - Dianne's Holidays, report from the Coordinating Committee.

**Moved by Isaac VanRavenswaay, seconded by Alison Topp, that the Minutes dated October 11, 2018 be approved as read. Carried**

Alison provided members with a copy of the Treasurer's Report dated October 12, 2018 to January 7, 2019.

**Alison Topp moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved.**

**Seconded by Isaac VanRavenswaay. Carried**

Content of the annual letter accompanying the donation receipts will be discussed at the Stewardship Meeting and will include input from Dianne Everitt.

Minister's Report: Dianne reported that she passed her Ordination Interview and is now ready to be "called" and ordained. Her Christmas season was very busy. Monday office hours have also been very busy. She would like to have more opportunity to spend time with our congregation. She suggested that she could do a Bible Study on Friday nights since it is not time efficient to come here with two of her own children for confirmation classes. Monday afternoons were also suggested as a possible time. A list will be posted to see who is interested in Bible Study.

February is Black History Month. Dianne will be including some spirituals in our services.

Committee Reports

Christian Education: Brenda hopes to hear if there will be VBS this year. The Region is working on Youth Programs but we don't know about VBS yet. The Presbytery VBS Team expressed appreciation for the leadership team at Bethany last year.

**Moved by Andrew Topp and seconded by Frieda Glenney that Brenda go ahead with VBS if the opportunity comes. Carried**

Congregational Care: There will be a Potluck before the annual meeting on Feb. 24. We were reminded of the Fresh Start Module being held at Fenwick on Sat. January 12 at 9:30.

Fundraising & Events Committee:

Betty Sawyers sent her letter of resignation from this committee. Alison hopes to continue with the Fish Fry on Friday May 24. She would like some more members on this committee.

We will discuss a donation from this event to Cave Springs Camp at our March meeting.

*Ministry & Personnel:*

Andrew suggested that they need to do more advanced planning for holidays, etc.

**Moved by Andrew, seconded by Bob Gray, that we approve the dates February 4-10 and March 11-17 for Dianne's holidays. Carried**

Rev. Warner Bloomfield agreed to do Pastoral Care for those weeks.

*Mission & Service:* We reached our goal of \$11,500. Our donations were \$11,740. Miss Piggy donations of \$242.30 have been sent to Cave Springs Camp Legacy Fund. We will be setting this year's goal at the annual meeting.

*Trustee Report:* Due to the recent downturn, our funds are slightly lower but there is still gain that we can use if necessary.

*Property Committee:* Eco Roofing Co. has given us a quote of \$42,721 for a patterned steel roof. It would have a 55 year guarantee. Regional Steel's plain barn type steel roofing is \$19,600. Andrew suggested we check out the longer warranted high-end shingles available from Jerry's Roofing. These quotes will be brought to the Annual Meeting.

*Presbytery Report:* Mary presented a Presbytery Report from October 23 and some information from the Region. Region 9 is now called the "Horseshoe Falls Region". These reports are attached to the minutes.

New Business:

Volunteers for the Nominating Committee are Robert Gray, Isaac VanRavenswaay, Mary Leduc, and Norine Souter.

Coordinating Committee: Brenda reported that Garry van Bruchem has made a suggested summer schedule for holidays for Fonthill, Fenwick, Bethany and Grace United. It would involve changing our time of services, etc. After some discussion, it was decided that it does not work for us and Dianne does not feel comfortable with 2 more churches to cover for. Rev. Warner will be taking holidays in July this year. The Coordinating Committee will be meeting and will discuss the summer schedule for Fenwick and Bethany. Brenda has been in contact with Dianne Blanchard with regard to proceeding with a call to Dianne Everitt for Bethany and Fenwick.

**Bob Gray moved the meeting be adjourned. Carried**

Next Meeting: March 21 at 7 p.m.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_  
Norine Souter

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Leduc