

Bethel United Church of Christ  
Meeting minutes  
June 18, 2017

1. 11:45 a.m. Art Lipman calls us to order.  
*Consistory present: Anne Holmes, Elizabeth Kiker; Art Lipman; Judy Norton; Peter Rich; Carolyn Richar; Kristen Wheeler. Also: Bill Graver; Judy Lipman; Whit Wheeler*
2. Anne Holmes Leads us in prayer
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
  - a. Judy Norton made a motion to accept the minutes, Kristen Wheeler seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
  - b. Electronic Votes: One was passed around, but tabled.
4. Finances by Judy Norton: The financials were received pending the audit. Overview of restricted funds. We are over-budget for income and under-budget for expenses, for now. There was a brief discussion of endowment interest and memorial funds. Peter Rich moves, Kristen Wheeler seconds, motion passes unanimously.
5. Old Business
  - a. Congregational meeting
    - i. Discussion of agenda for next week's meeting. It was approved.
    - ii. Discussion of email vote for next week. Decision was made not to allow this—no precedence and the vote is too soon to create systems to allow it to happen. Art will send an email with an offer to bring members to church and to encourage a 'voice without a vote' – a message to be read at the meeting. The message will include next week's agenda, a summary of covenant with ACOB, summary of parking options and the transition team lists.
    - iii. Other: Potluck sign up
6. New Business
  - a. Website: Elizabeth Kiker will update the pastor on About Us, calendar on front page, photos on the current site.
  - b. Kristen Wheeler will manage Facebook; she is looking into our Twitter account (we can't find the login). She may buy an ad on Facebook to boost our views; we have 80 followers.
  - c. A question came up about who purchases paper goods for the church. Judy Lipman will get some for this week, then Judy Lipman will leave a note for Salvador to stay on top of it.
7. Associate Pastor's Report
  - a. Meeting with Arlington Church of the Brethren tomorrow night. Soup supper this past Wednesday; 13-14 people there with a great presentation from ACOB pastor. Anne will include a note about minutes from meeting in Bethel Weekly, then Kristen will send it out. A wonderful discussion last week and last Wednesday. The groups will meet at ACOB on Monday night; there will be another soup supper this coming Wednesday at ACOB at 6:30 p.m.

- b. La Luz news. They have split into two groups; at this point the (smaller) group still meeting here does not have the money to continue to pay rent past August 1. Additionally, Pastor Diaz is in the hospital at Fairfax Hospital, and so is unable to work on this. We have a covenant with La Luz, but not a lease. Carolyn will reach out to Rudolfo, the leader of the other group, to see what their plans are at Bethel (they are not currently meeting here). We also want to ensure the group still meeting at Bethel has their current certificate of insurance. We will discuss keys (and who has them). We will be careful to not be involved or weigh in on different sides.
  - c. The clinic is still working, and Carolyn sees the monthly reports. The money is being used and they are receiving it from La Luz.
- 8. Senior Pastor's Report
  - a. Transitioning; thank God for Carolyn!
  - b. Meeting with Jean Luks, Judy Norton, Elizabeth Kiker
- 9. Closing Comments
  - a. Art will be composing an email + package to send out Sunday or Monday. Art will be preparing to run next week's meeting.
  - b. Elizabeth will update the website
  - c. Kristen will try and figure out the Twitter account password and send out the notes from ACOB dinner presentation.
  - d. Carolyn will contact Rudolfo Rumero about Bethel lease and key issue, and contact Eunice about insurance policy.
  - e. Judy Lipman will buy paper products for the church and write a note to tell Salvador to get more.
  - f. Next Consistory meeting: July 16, 2017
- 10. Closing Devotions
  - a. Carolyn Richar led us in prayer.
  - b. Meeting adjourned to a closed meeting at 12:26 p.m.