

Bethel United Church of Christ  
Meeting minutes  
July 16, 2017

1. 11:30 a.m. Art Lipman calls us to order.
  - a. Attendees: *Consistory: Anne Holmes, Elizabeth Kiker; Art Lipman; Judy Norton; Peter Rich; Kristen Wheeler. Also: Joan Graver, Judy Lipman*
2. Anne Holmes leads us in prayer
3. Review and Approval of Minutes
  - a. Judy Norton moves to accept minutes as written, Kristen Wheeler seconds, the vote passed unanimously.
4. Finances by Judy Norton
  - a. Judy presented first six months 2017 actuals and last six-month 2017 projections; because of loss of La Luz income and other variables there is a \$9,200 anticipated deficit. Discussion of cash, memorials, endowments, and benevolence report. Peter moves to accept pending audit, Kristen seconds, and vote passes unanimously.
5. Old Business
  - a. Vote 6/25/2017 Follow Up
    - i. Partnership with ACOB: Letter went out formally letting them know the results of our vote. ACOB will vote on July 30, 2017. The next partnership meeting will happen July 24.
    - ii. Physical Assets: The team is meeting, has planned the first yard sale and has walked through the entire building. Will reach out to ACOB after their vote. Their next meeting is August 16.
    - iii. Real Estate Team: Nothing has happened yet; awaiting vote.
    - iv. Meeting with Beatrice Tierney: Meeting finalized for July 30.
  - b. Website support: EK did some updates (pastor Anne's page); if you send it to EK she will update. Kristen Wheeler has been updating Facebook page everyday. Twitter account exists but no one can track it down (user ID, password, etc). Kristen may start a new account.
  - c. Status of La Luz and Clinic: Split off group was not as interested in renting from Bethel; not sure of Diaz' interest in/ability to rent Bethel. Clinic is going with split off group, which is complicated for paying clinic. Carolyn will follow up when she returns.
6. New Business
  - a. Wall repairs: Driver hit into cement at corner of building. Bill got an estimate of \$2,800 to get it fixed. Second estimate will be coming.
  - b. Plumbing: The plumbers repaired the sewer smell and leak in 3<sup>rd</sup> floor education wing. It cost \$350-Judy Norton paid and will be reimbursed.
7. Associate Pastor's Report: Carolyn on vacation.
8. Designated Pastor's Report:
  - a. Pastor Anne got a call from Maria about the plumbing. Who should she reach out to in cases like this? She can reach out to Art Lipman or handle it herself.

- b. People in need can park on both sides of the church—Pastor Anne wanted them to know. She will send a reminder about parking.
  - c. Worship: The feeling in the room is down; if people walk in, we want them to feel energized and welcome. How can we show our vibrancy? Have a children’s song in service. Come down out of the pulpit. Have the congregation sit more closely together (ropes in closet to encourage closer seating). Consistory members will be especially welcoming.
9. Closing Comments
- a. We’re going to have a children’s song in service and possibly different ‘walk down the aisle’ music. Pastor Anne will come down out of the pulpit. Have the congregation sit more closely together.
  - b. People will send EK website updates.
  - c. Kristen will continue to try to crack Twitter.
  - d. We will continue to post flat Jesus.
  - e. Next Meeting: August 20 after church.
10. Closing Devotions by Pastor Anne