

**BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**SPRING COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Acting Moderator Pastor Bill Raymor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Tom Prager. Twenty-one members were present.

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

A copy of the 2019 Fall Council minutes was given to everyone. Reading of the minutes was dispensed. **Lee Hannahs moved to accept the minutes as written. Dan Bergman supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dan Whitmer

A financial report for expenditures year-to-date was provided. A copy is attached to the minutes. The outreach for the year is nearly all paid. The bills are paid to date. Checking account balance is \$11,276.77.

**STEWARDS' COMMISSION:** Dan Bergman

Maintenance is up-to-date. The parking lot has some holes in it which will be assessed for repair. Furnace filters are replaced two times per year.

**NURTURE COMMISSION:** Lila Hannahs

Lila reported that most activity dates were listed in the newsletter. The Mystery dinner went well.

**WITNESS COMMISSION:** Peg Hillman

One application for the church scholarship has been received. Bible School plans are in progress and the Church will have a booth at the fair. The plans are to give free Bibles at the fair.

**MINISTERIAL COMMISSION:** Matt McKimmy

The speaker schedule for the rest of March is Scott Burr on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Pastor Bill on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**PERSONNEL COMMISSION:** No report

**ENDOWMENT BOARD:** Tom Prager

There is much upheaval in the markets right now because of the Corona Virus. Generally, the fund has done well. Copies of the year to date activity are attached to the minutes.

**DEACONS:** Bob Phillips

Deacons continue to attend to the needs of people and especially shut-ins and those not attending church.

**CAMP REP:** Becky Phillips

New groups continue to use the camp. The schedule for summer is very busy.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE:** No report

**MINISTRY PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Peggy McKimmy

The Committee works with Nurture and Witness to plan activities almost monthly. Special time was given to discussion of making the worship service more reverent. Joys and Concerns have been changed to prayer time giving individuals time to express prayer for their concern or joy.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** No report

**Dan Bergman moved to accept all reports. Tom Prager supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor had no report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Claudia Whitmer brought the recommendation from the Search Committee and the Church Board to hire Joe Andrist as Associate Pastor beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Discussion was held noting:

- Joe does a good job preaching
- His messages are Bible based
- His job description is still being defined
- He is ordained in the Baptist church
- His main role may be to bring the Sunday morning message
- He is aware of the Brethren ordinances which are the belief system of this congregation
- One of his goals is family-oriented outreach

**A call for affirmation to hire Joe was brought to a vote. The vote was a unanimous "Yes."**

2. Covenant Brethren Church (CBC): Tom Prager reviewed the new formation of the Covenant Brethren Church which maintains the conservative core values of the original Church of the Brethren. There will be a meeting of the Covenant Brethren Church in May. Rick and Leta Painter are planning to attend this meeting and report back to the congregation. Meanwhile, flyers with details of the effort are available in the narthex.

3. Discussion was held on canceling church because of the Covid-19 virus. It was stated that most would miss the fellowship of a meeting. Sermons can be watched or listened to on t.v. and the internet. No one should be critical of others if they decide to not attend church. The general consensus was to continue church services.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **Lila Hannahs moved to adjourn. Tom Prager supported the motion.** The meeting adjourned with prayer by Tom Prager.