

Bethel Lutheran Church Women
Minutes of General Meeting/Brunch
Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Diane Buss, Shirley Cassady, Jacque Craig, Darla Drewelow, Jenny Hansmann, Joyce Hoffman, Sharleen Hubbard, Marilyn Ingalls, Pam Jacobson, Janet Mennen, Sandi Shepard, Beth Van Lengen

After a delicious brunch provided by Diane Buss, she called the meeting to order.

The Secretary's report from the May 3, 2017 meeting to approve Beth Van Lengen as Treasurer, filling the vacancy left by Jan Stearns, was read and approved. The Secretary's report from the November 20, 2016 general meeting was also read and approved.

Treasurer Beth Van Lengen reported we have \$896 in our checking account and \$845 in savings. Sandi Shepard asked for clarification on how our treasury is replenished. Beth explained that besides an offering taken at each general meeting, money is received from the Bakeless Bake Sale in October, our Thankoffering boxes in November and the Cookie-by-the Pound Sale in December. Memorial gifts are also received from the families of Bethel members who have died, as well as monetary gifts for serving at their loved ones funerals. It was also explained what the money in our accounts has been used for: purchasing items for the church, such as tables and chairs, table cloths, kitchen supplies, etc. The BLCW also provides Confirmation flowers and gifts, as well as graduation gifts to Bethel members. And several mission projects outside of Bethel are chosen each year at a general meeting. A detailed list can be found in the Bethel Annual Report.

Diane received notices from three of our Serving Group leaders asking to be removed from this responsibility. After a plea for ladies to fill these positions, Marilyn Ingalls and Sandi Shepard offered to fill two of these openings.

Marilyn asked if there was a Cleaning Day scheduled. Although nothing is on the calendar at this time, Irene Senne agreed to choose a date and have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for kitchen cleaning in mid-October.

Janet brought up the need for providing meals for members, as we have done in the past. All agreed we should try to get this off the ground once again. Suggestions were made to post a sign-up sheet at church, as well as make phone calls to those willing and able to serve in this way.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Mennen