



BETHANY BUGLE



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Council Bugle Report

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

Meeting: Thursday, 17 July 2014

Attendees:

Elders: Zach Beldman, Rudy Boverhof, Alfred Kiers, Jerry Kiers, Kevin Twomey, Mark Vahrmeyer, Tim VanHoffen, Richard VanLochem, Ray VanHuizen, Pete Wierenga

Deacons: Peter Bulk, Louis Dam, John Enzlin, George Gritter, Don Terpstra

Absent with Notice: Nate Anjema, Albert Janssens, Pastor Colin VanderPloeg

- Chairman Tim VanHoffen opened with welcome and greetings. Scripture reading from Ephesians 2 which serves as a reminder of God's grace to his followers. Our inclination to somehow earn and preserve our status with God vs a lifestyle of genuine gratitude. Time spent in prayers of praises, intercession and thanksgiving.
- Minutes from Council meeting held 19 June 2014 received. Motion to accept as presented. 2nd. Carried.
- Matters arising from the minutes. Some minor changes to the district lists were made.
- Executive Report - The plan is for the Executive Team to meet with staff last Friday of every month and report to council accordingly.
- Deacons Report - received for information.
- Finance Team Reports - received for information. New office computers have been purchased to replace outdated hardware. There is a plan to meet with a new lawyer to go over Bethany's articles of incorporation and other related matters.
- Fellowship Team Report - received for information. Recruiting new members for this team continues to be a struggle. Council urges members to consider involvement in this area as a means of serving and blessing others.
- Buildings and Grounds Team Report - received for information.
- Safe Church Team Report - received for information. Don Terpstra to be council liaison.
- Discipleship Team Report - received for information. The team is presenting an intentional mentoring program to coincide with other discipleship initiatives. The idea will be seeking support in principle at the next council meeting.
- Library Ministry Team Report - no report.

- Bethany Summer Day Camp - The Youth elder provided a verbal report on activities so far. Good things are happening with this outreach ministry.
 - Correspondence Report - received for information with appropriate action with incoming and outgoing correspondence.
 - Membership - Received from Maranatha CRC, St. Catharines, Ontario: Prinsen, Evert and Nelly. They are assigned to District 8.
 - Miscellaneous.
1. Classis Niagara Meeting credentials were filled out. Elder Mark Vahrmeyer and Pastor Colin VanderPloeg to attend.
- Next Meeting(s) - Council Meeting Thursday, 21 August 2014. Elder's Meeting Thursday, 4 September 2014
 - Adjournment 8:30 pm (Elders and Deacons continued as separate meetings for the balance of the evening)
 - Closing prayer Elder Alfred Kiers

ROSE CITY KIDS has been reaching children in Welland for over 6 years!! Over 500 kids are provided a fun filled atmosphere that teaches positive attitudes and behaviours and these kids have a place where they can experience the love of God! Rose City Kids effectively builds hope, empowering children to make good choices, and follow the big dreams God holds for their lives through role modeling, practical teachings, songs and games!!

Please help support this ministry by attending our upcoming Golf tournament!!

We are also looking for many more volunteers for our upcoming season. If you are interested in helping us out please contact Sonya Wierenga (905 892 6978) We would love to have you join our team!

Rose City Kids Golf Tournament

Sat August 09

Sparrow Lakes Golf course

Lunch* 18 holes* Dinner* Door Prizes

Time: 1:00 pm Cost: \$125 pp

Contact Gerry(905 788 2924) or Nathan (905 892 5350 x 230) Darren (905 892 4766 x235)



VanAm Update....

Dear Brothers and Sisters. I want to take a minute to thank you all for your continued prayers for myself and my family. Lindsay is doing great, not only was she able to complete her courses, she graduated with honours! She has moved to Hamilton, working as cake decorator at Fortinos and is healthy and happy. In the future she will pursue employment in her field. Jason is in Waterloo, seeking employment in his field as well, but helping out at MM Products in the interim to pay his bills. Cameron resides in Hamilton, also works at MM and will continue into his final year at Mohawk where he is studying computer networking and security analysis. As for myself, I have remained working full time at MM with Rudy until this week when I made the decision not to return. It was a very difficult decision but one that was long coming. I am currently living with wonderful friends Ruth, Mike and Jordann Brown at 39 Fallingbrook in Fonthill. Their home is not only open to me, but to my children and friends. My phone number is 289 686 4025 so call me, :) it looks like I'm going to have some free time while I look for employment and find a new path. On a very personal note, It has been a very rough path and there are times when it seems that the Spirit of God has been very quiet. In the dark times, as I struggled with trusting, handing my fears over to Him, I would often receive a text, a Facebook message or verse of encouragement. Sheer grace showed itself in those moments when The Lord reached out to me thru His people. Thank you to those who responded to the Spirit's nudge on their heart, and for keeping us in your prayers, Dorothy VanAm



We are looking for some Cadet Counsellors for the Fall. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Epp DeVries at 905-892-2391



Please consider becoming a GEMS counsellor this coming season. We are in need of **two ladies** who have a heart to serve. You are never too young or too old to help! If interested, or for more information, please contact Lindsay. Lindsay@bethanycrc.ca

Elisha House

Pregnancy & Family Support Centre



**He
Reached
Down From
Heaven &
Rescued
Me** Psalm 18:16

She seemed to be beyond the reach of God. Amanda will be sharing her story of His amazing work of rescue from depression.

Annual Fundraising Banquet

Friday September 19, 2014

5:30pm Punch & Hors d'Oeuvres - 6:30pm Dinner

John Michael's Banquet & Conference Centre
1368 Upper's Lane, Thorold L2V 3Y7

No tickets or cost...free will offering fundraiser

Seats are limited and must be reserved

reserve early by

emailing us at info@elishahouse.on.ca or call 905-735-9934

Please include first and last names of those attending.

We look forward to your support of the ministry that night!

Dear Bethany,

Thank-you for being a part of the Elisha House Baby Bottle Campaign. Out of the \$25,000 that has been raised so far, you gave \$1,561.99! Thank-you for your gift towards God's work of changing hearts and saving lives in the community of Welland and beyond. May God bless you.

Other News

You are invited to the 9th annual Dutch Hymn Sing on Wednesday, August 27th at 1:30 p.m. There will be opportunity to choose favourite hymns and Psalms. Come and be blessed as you sing the songs that encouraged your faith over the years. There will be an offering for the Bible League. For more information please call or email Marianne Kingma at 519-245-0139 jmkingma7@gmail.com

Looking for New Members!

The Fellowship Committee is in urgent need of new volunteers and leaders. We need help if the church would like activities such as Strawberry Socials, Church BBQs, Mystery Socials, and time for fellowship and coffee on Sunday mornings to continue. Consider joining this social activities planning Committee and contact Becky Van Lochem at 905-957-9905 if you are interested.

Wheels for VanDriels

You are invited to our Pig Roast on August 9 from 4-10 pm! Hosted by Dave and Kathy Van Driel at 214 Chantler Road in Pelham. Tickets are \$10 each, available from Sonya, Dave or Kathy Van Driel. There will be live music by Slings & Arrows, prizes, activities and of course FOOD! All proceeds go to Wheels For Van Driels fundraising campaign! Thanks, Sonya Van Driel.



CRC Denomination

ONTARIO CADET FISHING TOURNAMENT - Do you love to fish? Do you have boys in the Cadet Program or love and support the Program? Join us on Sept. 6 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Sunset Cove Resort on Rice Lake for our 3rd Ontario Cadet Fishing Tournament. Cost is \$45 per person which includes lunch. Funds raised will go to the Calvinist Cadet Corps for ongoing program needs and training. For information or registration forms contact John Kiers at 519-485-3838 or email jkiers@dejong.com or check out www.calvinistcadets.org and click on Events.

GROUNDWORK - Envy: Groucho Marx once said, "No one is ever completely unhappy over the failure of a friend." Haven't we all sensed this in our hearts? This is the deadly sin of envy. The Holy Spirit can help us battle envy in our lives. Tune in and join the Groundwork conversation – find a local radio station or listen online at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

KIDS CORNER - Radio Daze: Liz decides to start an internet radio station. But he doesn't want any help from his friends. Can he do it by himself? Find a station or listen online. Then contact Kids Corner at P.O. Box 5070, Burlington ON L7R3Y8, or email kids@kidscorner.net for great resources for kids and parents.

DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT – YOU ARE INVITED! - 'But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare' Jeremiah 29:7. On Oct. 18, at the Hamilton District Christian High School in Ancaster, the annual Day of Encouragement is your call to be Loving Your City. Through worship, workshops, service sites and chatrooms this day is geared towards all ministry workers in the Kingdom of God. Questions? Email nsinclair@crcna.org

TEMPORARY POSITION OPENING - World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA), has a temporary opening (3-4 weeks), for an Image Library Assistant in our Burlington, Ontario office. The position will be moving World Renew's photography from Picasa to a new digital asset management space. Accuracy and attention to detail is required. To apply for this opportunity please send your current resume and a cover letter indicating your relevant skills and experience based on the requirements to Ichiarot@worldrenew.net. Application deadline is August 6, 2014.

CONCERT - Joy: An Irish Christmas Concert. EduDeo Ministries & Campfire! Bible Camp are once again hosting Keith & Kristyn Getty in concert, Friday, November 28,

2014 at Hamilton Place. Tickets are now on sale for this unforgettable Christmas event. Email info@edudeo.com OR call 1.866.360.4274.

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS? - Are you also interested in gender issues, sexual abuse prevention, trauma healing and food security? Come alongside World Renew staff for 18 months in Mali and see your BA degree come alive with hands-on experience as you bless others. Details on this partially funded volunteer position can be found at www.worldrenew.net or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

TEACH ENGLISH IN KYRGYZSTAN - Model a Christ-like life to young students coming from nominal Muslim backgrounds as you teach English and lead various school projects and extra-curricular activities in this south Asian country. Details for this partially funded volunteer position which begins in July 2015 can be found at www.crwmm.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

BEGINNINGS WALKATHON - Save the Date! Saturday, October 4. Join us for a 3 or 10K walk/run/roll/cycle on Hamilton's beautiful harbourfront trail in support of Beginnings Family Services. Includes a 10K fun run. Please email info@beginnings.ca or call 905-528-6665 to register.

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