

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
November 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER – Hal Fisher

Roll Call

Hal Fisher	X	Gail Beech Board of Lay	X
Art Grochow	X	Board of Property –Kelly Voss	X
Pat Pithey	X	Pastor Peter	X
Sandi Gilbertson	X		
Erika Buller	X		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	X	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education	X		
Angie Cruff , Board of Stewardship	X		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Pastor Jake Faith Story

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made to approve the October 8, 2019 Minutes: Motion by Angie Cruff, Second by Art Grochow (motion carried)

TREASURERS REPORT:

2018	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$40,052.21	\$39,778.58	\$41,039.93	\$31,087.00	\$33,919
<i>Deficit:</i>	(\$30,625.09)	(\$24,422.61)	(\$9,517.40)	(\$19,514.34)	(\$23,851.31)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$27,892.21)	(\$21,689.73)	(\$6,874.82)	\$13,218.54	\$8,881.57
2019	January	February	March	April	May
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$36,498.48	33,928.50	\$30,378.50	\$39,179	\$26,194
<i>Deficit:</i>	(\$7,171.10)	(\$12,900.72)	(\$28,732.36)	(\$35,542.91)	(\$25,781.41)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$1,710.47	(\$4,019.15)	(\$19,850.79)		(\$32,746)
2019	June	July	August	September	October
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$26,002.34	\$27,759	\$23,724	\$40,032.21	
<i>Account balance:</i>	(\$34,785.49)	(\$32,965.35)	\$7,214.33	\$21,380.28	
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$25,903.92)	(\$24,083.73)	\$16,095.90	\$30,261.85	

A **motion** was made to move the September 30 treasurer’s report to audit. The anonymous donor that gave \$30,000 to start the capital campaign, asked that we paid back \$15,000 (Which will come from the general fund – where it was deposited) plus the \$600 interest (from the capital

campaign) and that \$15,000 go to the Capital Campaign - Motion by Kelly Voss, second by Dana Kasowski (Motion carried)

The October treasurers report is tabled to next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Audit committee
 - a. A report will be provided
2. Update on appeal
 - a. 773,635
 - b. Additional \$15,000 from anonymous donor member loan
 - c. Additional \$3,000 from Endowment board
 - d. Pledges and additions for a total of \$791,635
3. Implementation team update
 - a. Will be meeting on Thursday
 - b. Sanctuary revitalization update
4. Nominating committee
 - a. Angie Cruff
 - b. Rick Hendrickson
 - c. Char Oehlke
 - d. Julie Carlson
 - e. Neil Folstad
 - f. Sheila Dolan
 - g. Pat is checking with prospective candidate
5. Have budgets submitted by December 1 to Executive committee
 - a. Send all reports to Ashley
6. Have annual reports complete and submitted by December 1
7. Assessment update (endowment)
 - a. Met today (November 12) at noon
 - b. Brad's report
 - i. Current assessments \$7,597.53 from 3rd Avenue
 - ii. Previous existing assessments are \$10,194.35
 - iii. Endowment will write a check for \$7,597.53 we can put the amount toward either assessment.
 - iv. Change to by-laws for the annual meeting

Motion to apply \$7,597.53 to apply toward older assessment by Kelly Voss, second by Blake Peterson

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Angie Cruff

Fall campaign

- Commitment cards

- Time and talent sheets

Board of Property: Kelly Voss

Chunk of granite that was donated to engrave as a marker for the time capsule

Cabinet space for funeral supplies

- BLCW request for additional space for their supplies

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

From the Scholastic books able to \$760 able to purchase books for the children's library

Feed My Starving Children and Valley Scare was successful – October 26

December 15th at 4:00 will be the Christmas program

Contributed \$200 to Day of Hope

Board of Lay: Gail Beech

Pastor Jake installation

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

New member coffee reception had two families that came to the event – October 27

Information meeting for anyone getting information about Bethel

Contributed \$500 to Day of Hope

2. External audit to do a professional church auditing firm
 - a. Estimate of \$2500 reported from Art Grochow – Julson accounting
 - b. Will need to appoint two members with Crystal Lovick for the 2020 audit review in January of 2021 since we have an external audit company do the audit for 2019

Motion to have an external audit for 2019 financials and look for auditors by Gail Beech, second by Blake Peterson

3. Staff update
 - a. Clare's position has been posted and interviews are being scheduled
4. BeTheLove Sunday
 - a. We will use the budgeted amount to distribute to offer to congregation to outreach the best they see fit.

Board Reports – each board email minutes to bethel office to review prior to planning council meeting

Dates and notables:

Congregational meeting – November 17

Pastor Jake installation – November 24

BeTheLove Sunday – November 24

Christmas program will be 4:00 – December 15

Christmas Eve services are at 3:00, 5:00 and 9:00

Annual meeting – January 26

Middle school music festival – January 31
Scout Sunday - Pancake feed – February 2

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction December – Pastor Jake and Pastor Erika

Next meeting December 10, 2019