

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
January 14, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – Art Grochow

Roll Call

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Pastor Erika – Mary Oliver – The Geese

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made to approve as amended the December 10, 2019 Minutes: Motion by Gail Beech by Kelly Voss (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	\$34,791
<i>Account balance:</i>	(\$34,785.49)	(\$32,965.35)	\$7,214.33	\$21,380.28	\$21,169.19
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$25,903.92)	(\$24,083.73)	\$16,095.90	\$30,261.85	\$29,061.42
2019	November	December	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$28,390	\$64,524.05			
<i>Account balance:</i>	\$1,666.92	\$33,872.80			
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$10,548.49	\$42,754.37			

A **motion** was made to move the December 2019 treasurer’s report to audit.
Motion by Kelly Voss, second by Dana Kasowski Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on appeal
 - a. Pledges and additions for a total of \$776,635
 - b. Received \$80,000 as a family gift toward the organ
 - i. Organ has been purchased
 - c. \$20,000 one-time gift for carpet from prior
2. Implementation team update
 - a. Met 1-13-20 and will meet every three weeks
 - b. Results are back for asbestos (pipes, glue in west hallway, tile upstairs hallway and tile in sanctuary) Architect will review survey results and will move forward with getting bids to get it removed
 - c. Forum 9th of February
 - d. Vote for sanctuary seating – tentative March 8 – congregational meeting
3. Have budgets submitted by December 1 to Executive committee
 - a. Send all reports to Bethel Office
4. Audit committee – hired external Nadine Julson, LLC (Daniel) estimated at \$2,500

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Angie Cruff

Didn't meet last month

Super Bowl fundraiser for food pantry

Need two more people for Stewardship board

Board of Property: Kelly Voss

BLCW cabinet request – working on this – quote for Dakota Cabinetry

Asbestos survey is back

Quote from digital guru for handsets and handheld microphones for sanctuary

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

Partnership with Breckenridge Lutheran NYG

7th through 11th grade are eligible to participate. Need to be 9th graders to go to National Youth Gathering

Board of Lay: Gail Beech

Working on Clare's retirement party – 16th of February

Thank you notes for decorators

Usher/communion training January 12

Attendance for Christmas Eve Service

526 3:00 service

255 5:00 service

130 9:00 service

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

Donated funds to pay unpaid school lunch balances

Dana Anderson helped make brochures for welcoming visitors

2. Bishop Terry update
 - a. Resigned his position to move onto Concordia College
 - b. He is done the 12th of January and there will be an interim
 - c. Will nominate a new Bishop this summer at Assembly – the nominations need to be in by February 27 – need to be word and sacrament rostered
3. Staff update
 - a. Joyce Johnson is the financial secretary – replacing Clare Byron
4. Annual meeting agenda
 - a. Updated
5. Nominating report
 - a. Need 2 for stewardship, 1 for board of lay and one for executive board

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

Dates and notables:

Annual meeting – January 26

Middle school music festival – January 31

Scout Sunday - Pancake feed – February 2

Ash Wednesday – February 26

Wahpeton Conference Assembly meeting – March 15- Gwinner

Easter – April 12

Synod Assembly – June 6-7

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction December – Pastor Jake and Pastor Erika

Next meeting February 11, 2020