

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 11, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Dee Jensen

**Roll Call**

Dee Jensen	X	Cyndy Kolle, Board of Lay	X
Kathy Johnson	x	Kelly Voss, Board of Property	X
		Pastor Jake	X
Cindy Borchert	X		
Erika Buller	X		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	A	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education	X	Kristi Berg, Mentor	
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	X	Shea Jelinek, Confirmand	

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Pastor Jake – “The Word for every Day” Matthew 8:27 ( Jesus in the boat, calming the storm)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **motion** was made to approve the January 14, 2020 Minutes: Motion by Dana Kasowski and second by Kelly Voss (motion carried)

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>2018</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<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
<b>2019</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
<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)
<b>2019</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>

<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
<b>2019</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January 2020</b>	<b>February 2020</b>	<b>March 2020</b>
<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 table the treasurer's report until new information is available. Motion by Kelly Voss, second by Kathy Johnson. (Motion carried)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Implementation team update
  - a. Met 1-13-20 and will meet every three weeks
  - b. Asbestos abatement bids are beginning.
  - c. They narrowed down carpet and chair samples to three "families" with three different designs in each family. There may be some hard surfaces in the sanctuary, but for sound control, most will be carpeted.
  - d. Acoustic person is coming Monday, February 17 to evaluate the area.
  - e. A row of chairs has been ordered to have them available before the forum.
  - f. The fellowship hall is ready for worship when needed.
2. Audit committee – hired external Nadine Julson, LLC (Daniel) estimated at \$2,500
  - a. This was done because of the change in financial secretary and for transparency purposes.
3. Bishop update/nomination
  - a. Bishop Grant has accepted a position at Concordia.
  - b. After some discussion, we provided 2 names to be forwarded to the synod for consideration for the new bishop. Brad Skogan and Peter Schmidt.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Board Reports:**

**Board of Stewardship:** Linda Johnson

\*Will think about ideas for the fall campaign at the leadership retreat

\*Super Bowl fundraiser for food pantry received \$377 plus food items.

\*Need one more person for Stewardship board

**Board of Property:** Kelly Voss

\*BLCW cabinet request – working on this – quote for Dakota Cabinetry – Will wait until board meeting next week

\*They are working on asbestos quotes/bids

\*Many things covered in implementation team report earlier

**Board of Education:** Dana Kasowski

\*National Youth Gathering will be fundraising. Flamingos

\*9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation retreat February 16 & 17

\*Family game night is March 1

\*Pastor Erika looking for a book for adult study during Lent

\*VBS will be at Evergreen United Methodist Church this year

**Board of Lay:** Cyndy Kolle

\*Lenten meals serving by boards: Feb 26 – Endowment or high school group; Mar 4 – Board of Lay; Mar 11 – Board of Outreach; Mar 18 – Board of Property; Mar 25 – Board of Stewardship; Apr 1 – Executive Board

\*Lenten meals will be scaled back somewhat. Charge for adults will be \$6 and students \$3. Moved by Kelly Voss and second by Bale Peterson (motion carried)

\*Changed to a new altar flower vender. Will monitor the amount charged.

\*Easter Services set for : 7:00, 9:00 with brass and 11:00 with praise band

\*Pastor Jake is working on the format for Good Friday Worship

\*Summer schedule will start May 24 with coffee at 9:00 and the worship service at 10:00

\*New Board members installed on February 23 during worship services

\*There will be worship service in the park in August

\*There will be a Wednesday service in the summer once each month with a youth leading worship 1 or 2 times

**Board of Outreach:** Blake Peterson

\*They did not meet

\*Blake handed around a new ad which will appear in the Daily News and Southern Valley Living magazine

**2. Nominating Committee:**

- a. Luther Sannes resigned for health and personal reasons
- b. Planning Council will appoint a replacement. Kathy Johnson moved and Cyndy Kolle seconded to appoint Kelly Voss for this position. Motion carried. Kelly agreed willingly and with eagerness.
- c. A replacement on the Board of Property will need to be found.

**3. Lenten Series Theme:**

- a. Pastor Jake informed us that the theme is “Made New”. Thinking of all of creation made new – earth, sky, trees, etc,... there will be a prayer station at the back of the church each Wednesday for people to take something home as a reminder .

**4. Leadership Retreat:**

- a. Pastor Jake will be in charge
- b. February 23 from 12 to 3 pm
- c. Lunch provided

**5. Other:**

- a. Endowment Board approved \$750 for a laptop computer and software to be used for taking minutes at Planning Council meetings and other uses by staff as needed.

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

***Dates and notables:***

Clare's Retirement Reception – February 16

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat – February 16 & 17

Ash Wednesday – February 2

Wahpeton Conference Assembly meeting – March 15- Gwinner

Easter – April 12

Proposed Renovation Begins – May 4

Synod Assembly – June 6-7

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction March – Cyndy Kolle

Next meeting March 10, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer