

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 10, 2020**

**CALmiL TO ORDER** – Kelly Voss

**Roll Call**

Kelly Voss	x	Cyndy Kolle, Board of Lay	x
Kathy Johnson	x	Mike Bassingthwaite, Board of Property	x
Dee Jensen	x	Pastor Jake	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Erika Buller	x		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	x	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education	x		
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	x		

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Cyndy Kolle

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Cyndy moved and Dana seconded to approve with corrections. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Dana moved and Cyndy seconded to approve what we have for Jan. and Feb. Motion carried.

<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	\$28,480.00	\$36,284.00	
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	\$1,666.92	\$33,872.80	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$10,548.49	\$42,754.37	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Implementation team update
  - a. Meeting March 2 – met to plan the forum and met with architect March 9 - Feedback was given about the forum. We need to encourage people to come to the meeting on March 22. Continued to get things finalized.
  - b. Bids meeting for asbestos today. Back by the 20<sup>th</sup>. Upstairs first and then the sanctuary. Removal of pews – checking into options. Price/free will? Members get first choice.
  - c. Motion needed. Kathy Johnson moved & Blake Peterson seconded the motion to officially authorize Hal, Lara, Dee & Mike for signing for the renovation project. Motion passed.
2. Audit committee – hired external Nadine Julson, LLC (Daniel) estimated at \$2,500

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

##### **Board of Stewardship:** Linda Johnson

- \* New members – Muriel Hedrick and Kathy Hammer
- \* Ideas for Fall Campaign were discussed

##### **Board of Property:** Mike Bassingthwaite

- \* Kind of in a holding pattern
- \* Cabinet space is a work in progress
- \* Different program for live streaming the service. An iPad has been donated for this.
- \* Paul Oehlke new member

##### **Board of Education:** Dana Kasowski

- \* Ski trip cancelled
- \* A group called "Fellowship for Young Christian Couples" (ages 18-35) will be starting April 5 with a pasta dinner. Invites have gone out for that event.

**Board of Lay:** Cyndy Kolle

- \* Cyndy has visited with Econo Foods about altar flowers (\$30) & they will be delivered
- \* Brass playing at 7 & 9 Easter Service & Praise band at 11
- \* Rick will talk with Jake about Praise band in summer
- \* Brian, Lisa, & Board of Lay members will do decorating of the church throughout the year. Easter will be minimal.
- \* Summer worship discussed. Once in the park? Special music?

**Board of Outreach:** Blake Peterson

- \* Bethel will sponsor a blood drive again
- \* Looking at New member Sunday on April 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> . There are 20 to 25 people interested in Bethel membership
- \* Visitor center in the back of the church with welcome packet
- \* Welcomed new board members
- \* They are checking with the Red Cross to see what might be needed for victims of a fire or disaster.

**2. *Nominating Committee:***

- a. All Boards are now complete.

**3. *Wahpeton Conference Assembly***

- a. March 15 – Gwinner - 3:00 – let Pastor Erika know
- b. Possibly Kelly, Cyndy & Cindy

**4. *Wednesday night space discussion***

- a. Table until next month – ongoing conversation

**5. *Leadership retreat – Reflections***

- a. It was good. Any way to make it mandatory?
- b. Having time for boards to discuss was good. Good to be shorter.
- c. Visioning?

**6. *Synod Assembly delegates***

- a. June 6 & 7 need 5 delegates – Holiday Inn – Bishop Eaton will be speaker – 50 years of ordaining women
- b. Appoint delegates by next month – bring to the boards to see who is interested.

**7. *Spiritual Direction Idea***

- a. Faith Story
- b. Focus question about faith – baby steps toward faith story
- c. Person responsible for devotion will choose the question

**8. Other**

- a. What should we do about the coronavirus? Stop shaking hands – use Bethel Bump. Communion? – Wafers? No intinction. Hand sanitizer from Lisa. Put a blurb in the blue sheet.

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

***Dates and notables:***

Wahpeton Conference Assembly meeting – March 15- Gwinner

Easter – April 12

Confirmation Sunday – May 3

Meet the Bishop Candidates – May 2 & 3

Proposed Renovation Begins – May 4

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – May 6 – 5:30 pm at Hughes Shelter

Summer Worship begins May 24 – coffee at 9:00 am & worship at 10:00 am

Synod Assembly – June 6-7

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction April – Blake Peterson

Next meeting April 14, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer