

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

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

Kelly Voss	x	Cyndy Kolle, Board of Lay	x
Kathy Johnson		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 – Blake Peterson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike moved & Linda seconded to approve. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Dana moved & Mike seconded to approve. Motion carried. It was suggested that we invite Missy and/or Joyce to our next meeting to answer some questions. It was also asked if Missy could email the financials to everyone since we are not always able to get into the building.

2019	January	February	March	April	May	June
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$36,498.48	\$33,928.50	\$30,378.50	\$31,087.00	\$26,194.00	\$26,002.34
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$7,171.10)	(\$12,900.72)	(\$28,732.36)	(\$35,542.91)	(\$25,781.41)	(\$34,785.49)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$1,710.47	(\$4,019.15)	(\$19,850.79)		(\$32,746.00)	(\$25,903.92)
2019	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$27,759.00	\$23,724.00	\$40,032.21	\$34,791.00	\$28,390.00	\$64,524.05
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$32,965.35)	(\$7,214.33)	\$21,380.28	\$21,169.19	\$1,666.92	\$33,872.80
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$24,083.73)	\$16,095.90)	\$30,261.85	\$29,061.42	\$10,548.49	\$42,754.37
2020	January	February	March	April	May	June
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$28,480.00	\$36,284.00	\$34,073.00			
<i>Income/Balance :</i>	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	(\$20,267.87)			
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	\$22,486.50			
2020	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>						
<i>Income/Balance:</i>						
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>						

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update
 - a. Met with Architect on April 3 via Zoom.
 - b. Plans are coming along nicely. A Bid tour will be April 22 with bids by May 4/5.
 - c. There was a question about plans for air conditioning for the kitchen. Mike will put it on the agenda for Board of Property to check on.
2. Audit committee – Cindy contacted Missy about this and was told that Missy will talk with Dan about when it can be done.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * They chose their officers: Linda is the chair and Brad is the recorder.
- * Ideas for Fall Campaign were discussed
- * Who would like to attend the Synod Assembly was discussed
- * They will discuss How to get people to remember/contribute to the church and how best to reach out and ask.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * Kind of in a holding pattern, waiting for bids
- * A question was asked about office furniture being included in the plan. The existing furniture should be able to be used with minimal new required.
- * A question was asked about items not included in the bid package. The parking lot and youth room are two that were mentioned.

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

- * Summer campership money is available for anyone interested in going to summer camp
- * VBS is rescheduled for August 3-6, 2020 at the Methodist Church
- * Confirmation is rescheduled for October 25, 2020 (Reformation Sunday)
- * Everything else is on hold

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kollé

- * Praise Band is available to play for summer worship June 21 and July 26.
- * There might be a youth led service in July or August.
- * Facebook live has been implemented. The iPad uses a “tripod”. There may be a need for other volunteers to run this and not the soundboard people.
- * They will ask Brian or Lois about the volume and the small size of the screen for the online services.

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

- * Bethel was responsible for the calling tree for the blood drive at Breckenridge Lutheran Church. They had 60+ donations with a waiting list.

2. *Synod Assembly delegates:*

Keep this in mind for July applications.

3. *Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) information:*

- a. Blake moved to have a group fill out the application and Dee seconded. Motion carried. Mike volunteered to help Kelly fill out the application with help from Missy with financials.

4. *Timeline for next month:*

- a. Pastor Erika is having a baby soon and will be in isolation for one month following the delivery. This is for the safety of the baby and the family.

5. *The Synod will supply an online worship service for the Sunday after Easter:*

- a. Our plan is to use this resource and the service will be on our website.
- b. Interim Bishop, Larry Wohlrabe will be preaching.

6. *Provide a Reminder for people to give if they are able to do so:*

- a. The Board of Stewardship will discuss this further at their meeting next week.

7. *Other*

- a. A question was brought up about the safety of the mail in the new mailbox provided since the doors are locked. Lois will check into other options.

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

Dates and notables:

Easter – April 12 – on the Bethel website and Facebook
Confirmation Sunday moved to October 25, 2020 (Reformation Sunday)
Meet the Bishop Candidates – postponed
Proposed Renovation Begins – May 4
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – postponed
Summer Worship begins May 24 – coffee at 9:00 am & worship at 10:00 am
Synod Assembly – August 15 & 16 at Fargo Holiday Inn

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction May – Linda Johnson

Next meeting May 12, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:
Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurers