

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
May 12, 2020**

CALL 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			
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	x	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education	x	Missy Kose, Joyce Johnson, Brian Finnie	
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Linda Johnson

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Mike moved & Dana seconded to approve.

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	\$24,397.11		
<i>Income/Balance :</i>	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	(\$20,267.87)	(\$28,689.78)		
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	\$22,486.50	\$14,064.59		
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. Implementation Team reviewed bids. Selected Comstock Construction, general contractor.
 - i. Their subcontractors are Red River Electric and Schmitty's Plumbing.
 - b. Mike, Implementation Team and Brian, Staff, have been designated to work with the contractors throughout the project.
 - c. Parking lot issues were discussed.
 - d. Asbestos is finished and the air control test is registering really low.
2. Audit committee – Kelly talked with Daniel at Julson's. They do not recommend a true audit, but to do a review of the procedures and give suggestions. Their time will be donated. Then we can go back to using our own audit committee.
3. Synod Assembly delegates (5) – Cyndy Kolle volunteered. Linda Johnson and Muriel Hedrick are possibilities. Kelly/Allison, Mike/Lisa, perhaps a youth or two. One could be a delegate and the other a visitor.
4. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) – We have been approved and the \$50,000 should be in our account as of Friday, May 8.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * They sent out post cards to thank people for continuing their financial support of Bethel.
- * They discussed and were in favor of pursuing the PPP Loan/Grant.
- * They are working on their goals
- * An idea for the fall stewardship campaign was brought. Use the 4 G's of discipleship (Go – Gather – Grow – Give)

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * Hope to be in the sanctuary by October 1 if all goes well.
- * Brian saw to the removal of the organ. Paul Dimmer is repurposing some of the pews.
- * Lois has a new office computer.
- * The upstairs painting is in progress and the flooring there will start on Monday.

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

- * Lisa estimates 55 Bethel students plus Breckenridge students plan to attend the National Youth Gathering.
- * VBS is rescheduled for August 3-6, 2020 at the Methodist Church
- * The Senior Brunch will turn into a Senior evening dinner in July or August.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * A youth led Wednesday night service is planned for July 15 and August 12 at 5:15 at the Chalet. A BBQ/chips supper will be served first and worship at 6:30.
- * There will not be a Summer Sunday Service in the park until the summer of 2021.
- * Facebook live has been implemented. The iPad holder & tripod has been ordered.
- * Bev McRoberts joined the meeting to discuss communion in the future and what other churches are doing.
- * Space for bell practice has been postponed.

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

- Heidi Eberhardt volunteered to be board secretary.
- The board decided to organize events that can be done with social distancing for residents of nursing homes and shut-ins.

2. *Q & A for Missy & Joyce:*

- a. A few questions were asked and answered regarding some of the dedicated funds.
- b. Cyndy moved and later amended a motion and Dee seconded to move the Hall Flooring Fund and the Carpet Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund in the Dedicated Accounts.

3. *Synod Guidelines for starting worship discussion:*

- a. A tentative schedule for starting worship is to have an outdoor drive-in type service starting May 31 with the place to be determined and we hope to be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall on June 21.
- b. A tentative schedule for a congregational meeting regarding pews or chairs is set for Wednesday, June 17 with the time and place to be determined.

4. *Calling tree project report:*

- a. Going great, good way to keep in touch and they have been receiving some prayer requests.
- b. There is a need to follow up on this as this is a work in progress.

5. *Other*

- a. Starting June 1, the building will be open for office visits only. Use the half-door near Lois's desk. Masks are a personal choice.
- b. The church is not open for meetings and is basically closed because of the construction.'

Board Reports – each board email minutes to Bethel office to review prior to Planning Council meeting.

Dates and notables:

Summer Worship has a tentative schedule of outdoor service May 31

VBS Tentatively scheduled for August 3-6, 2020

Synod Assembly – August 15 & 16 at Fargo Holiday Inn

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction June – Kelly Voss

Next meeting June 9, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer