

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
June 9, 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	Brian Finnie	x
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Kelly Voss

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Tabled because some of the dedicated accounts were supposed to be changed after our last meeting.

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	\$29,192.00	
<i>Income/Balance :</i>	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	(\$20,267.87)	(\$28,689.78)	\$15,193.73	
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	\$22,486.50	\$14,064.59	\$57,948.10	
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. They have not officially met recently, but will discuss the memorial requests at their next meeting.
 - b. The congregational meeting to vote on chairs or pews will be held June 17, 2020 at 6:30 in the Bethel parking lot.
 - i. Ballots, microphones and speakers will be needed for this meeting.
2. Procedure Audit from Julson Accounting was tabled to the next meeting..
3. Need to select Synod Assembly delegates (5) – Synod Assembly done through digital format
 - a. Assembly will be Friday evening, August 14th – Sunday, August 16th.
 - b. We have 5 names. Pastor Jake will send an email to see if they are still interested in being a delegate.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * Fall Campaign theme – “Embracing New Beginnings”
- * They will continue to reach out to congregational members.
- * Due to the expense of mailing out midyear and end of year statements, Joyce will check into emailing the financial statements.
- * Mike suggested that a statement might be a good reminder that they need to keep up with their pledge.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * Implementation team will be taking over.
- * Brian is very busy with painting upstairs, mobboards, tables and windows in the classrooms.
- * New marker boards have been purchased with money from Agnes Kragness donation.
- * They are being cautiously optimistic about the project.

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

- * Senior Recognition is planned for July 15th with a BBQ in the church parking lot to honor grads with their quilts and to be congratulated by the congregation.
- * VBS is still being planned for August 3-6, 2020 at the Methodist Church. Lisa has a virtual VBS as a backup plan.
- * They will decide within their board for anew youth member, as Katrina is leaving for college.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * The NDSCS parking lot is available for us to use through the month of July.
- * Kathy moved and Blake seconded to continue worship at the NDSCS parking lot through the months of June and July. Motion carried.

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

- The board decided to continue using money from their budget to fund public school milk funds.
- The board is still working to organize events that can be done with social distancing for residents of nursing homes and shut-ins.
- They decided to give money to the fire department to create care packages for fire/disaster relief.
- Bethel will provide music in the park on July 8, 2020 at 7:30.

2. Starting date for worship discussion:

- a. This was covered in the report from the Board of Lay.

3. Summary proposal for computer conversion for church office:

- a. Cindy moved and Linda seconded to recommend to the board of property to proceed with converting the present office program used to the new program. Motion carried.

4. Pastor visitation / communion:

- a. Pastor Jake reported that individual communion kits are on their way to the church.
- b. Pastor Jake reported that he is willing to bring his lawn chair and come to visit with anyone requesting a visit. Call the church office.

5. Other:

- a. Planning council will meet again in July with Executive Committee meeting on July 7, 2020.

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

Dates and notables:

Summer Worship will continue being held at the NDSCS parking lot through June and July

VBS Tentatively scheduled for August 3-6, 2020

Synod Assembly – August 14-16, 2020 – it will be a virtual assembly beginning Friday night

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction July – Kathy Johnson

Next meeting July 14, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer