

**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		Pastor Jake	
Cindy Borchert	x		
Erika Buller	x		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	x	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education			
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Kathy Johnson

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Mike moved and Linda seconded to approve May and Mike moved & Blake seconded to approve June. Motions carried.

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	\$28,101.00
<i>Income/Balance :</i>	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	(\$20,267.87)	(\$28,689.78)	\$15,193.73	\$10,725.30
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	\$22,486.50	\$14,064.59	\$57,948.10	\$53,479.67
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 will meet on Thursday, July 16.
 - b. It is a work in progress to figure out what to do with the memorials
2. Procedure Audit from Julson: Kelly has put them in contact with Missy and Joyce.
3. Need to select Synod Assembly delegates (5) – Synod Assembly done through digital format
 - a. Assembly will begin at 6:30 Friday evening, August 14th – Sunday, August 16th.
 - b. Kathy moved and Linda seconded to have Kelly and Alison Voss, Mike and Lisa Bassingthwaite and Cyndy Kolle as our 5 delegates. Motion carried.
 - c. Pastor Jake and Pastor Erika will also be attending. Pastor Erika will be our ambassador and will register everyone.
4. Worship discussion:
 - a. Blake moved and Cindy seconded to continue to use the NDSCS parking lot for worship through August and September 6.
5. Computer conversion update from Lois:
 - a. Phase 1 is complete and all records have been moved over from Shepherds Staff. Some leg work will be needed in the future.
 - b. Phase 2 is training for staff.
 - c. Phase 3 is to update lists and information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * Fall Campaign theme – “Embracing New Beginnings” and will take place October 4, 11 and 18.
- * On June 30th they met with Pastor Blaire who gave them suggestions on the campaign.
- * There will be a mailing going out with information about the Fall Campaign.
- * They will be utilizing the new office computer software to help with the time and talent sheets and information.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * New marker boards for classrooms have arrived and Brian will start installing them.
- * New round plastic tables for the fellowship hall will be ordered and they will move the rectangular tables upstairs for Wednesday School.

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski (via an email)

- * National Youth Gathering planning/fundraising continues. Major changes/decisions regarding this event have not been made.
- * VBS will be offered virtually instead of in person. Title is “Compassion Camp”.
- * New Wednesday School curriculum titled “Simply Loved”.
- * They will not meet in July, but may meet earlier in August for fall programming plans.
- * A small group for Adult Education reading titled “Big Bethel Read” will be out soon.
- * Presentation of the quilts to 2020 Seniors and recognition drive by is scheduled for July 22 in the church parking lot. Drive by at 6:45 pm.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * They are looking for youth who might be interested in operating the soundboard 2 times a month.
- * They are also looking for Facebook Live operators.

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

- Monies have been distributed to the Wahpeton and Breckenridge public schools for milk funds.
- Area nursing homes have declined the offer to provide a music event as they are focusing on providing their residents with the opportunities to see their families. They are sending letters of well wishes to the residents instead.
- The discussion regarding a fund to assist victims of fires was tabled until August.
- Bethel provided music in the park on July 8th and this board provided bottles of water for everyone.

2. Communion possibilities:

- a. Discussion about communion: People could bring their own host and grape juice so we could commune together and we could have little kits for those who may forget their own.

3. Pastor visitation / communion:

- a. Pastor Erika reported that nursing homes are slowly opening to clergy as essential staff.
- b. Pastors are also providing home visits as they are requested.

4. Other:

- a. Discussion regarding an assistant custodian and a volunteer coordinator is tabled for our August meeting.
- b. Thoughts were brought up about sanitizing sprayers, the number of services we might need once we are open again and ways to maximize staff.

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 September 6.

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 August – Cindy Borchert

Next meeting August 11, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer