

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
September 8, 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	x		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	x	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education	x	Brian Finnie	x
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Dee Jensen

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Mike moved and Dana seconded to approve. Motion 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>	\$21,512.00	\$24,417.00				
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$5,886.09)	(\$16,313.71)				
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$36,868.28	\$26,440.66				

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update
 - a. Most of the work should be done by the end of September, but not all of it.
 - b. Sanctuary should be done soon..
 - c. New lights and ceiling in the youth room have been added to the project.
 - d. Some things in the sacristy had to be replaced because of wet and mold.
 - e. There have been issues with the cabinets in the office area.
2. Procedure Audit from Julson: Joyce has met with Julsons and she received a few recommendations and was told that the way they are doing things looks good.
3. Worship discussion and communion possibilities:
 - a. We will continue using the parking lot at the NDSCS football field for worship through October
 - b. We will have only the 10:00 worship service until we are back in the Sanctuary.
 - c. If inclement weather, we could use the North end of Fellowship Hall for the Pastors and leaders and members would park in the church parking lot or view from home on the website.
 - d. Communion on September went well with one car bringing their own and there was a request for gluten free wafers.
4. Discuss volunteer coordinator:
 - a. Job description exists, but is old.
 - b. Step 1 would be to check out the need for this position and then create a new job description.

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.
- * They are contacting people to give “Temple Talks” each of those Sundays.
- * A mailing for the Fall Campaign will be sent out by September 21 with information about the campaign and will include a bookmark that they have designed and ordered.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * The North Dakota Economic Resiliency Grant application has been submitted.
- * An assistant custodian, Levi Prochnow, has been hired.
- * Brian has put in the window blinds in the office area.

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

- * Pastor Erika and Lisa are working hard on ideas for fall programming and how it will work.
- * The National Youth Gathering has been moved to the year 2022.
- * Adult Education is featuring “The Big Bethel Read” with books to read and discuss who is thy neighbor and how we are serving God.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * Worship and communion plans were discussed earlier in the meeting.

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

* Sonja Christensen attended and asked if the board would be willing to sponsor a card writing campaign to congregational members on special occasions. The board agreed to do this and provide the logistical and financial support.

* “God’s Work, Our Hands” might have to be moved to the spring.

* They will continue to work on the details for the fire victims supply and fund.

2. *Virtual Synod Assembly Report:*

- a. Everything worked well and the technology worked well. There was a great cheer at the end when they stated, “All of this worked!”
- b. We elected a new Bishop, Tessa Moon Leiseth. She will be installed on October 31, 2020 at First Lutheran Church in Fargo at 11:00.
- c. The presiding Bishop made a point of being a part of the assembly and help to make it dynamic.

3. *Staff Retreat Update:*

- a. They had wonderful food and played a fun “Icebreaker” game at Lisa’s house.
- b. They have chosen to set up the calendar plans by month – September will feature “Community, October “New Beginnings” and so on.
- c. They were able to set their goals for the year.

4. *Other:*

- a. We now have a Zoom account for Bethel Church. The boards will be sent information for setting up their Zoom meetings.

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 October.

“Big Bethel Read” – check the Beacon or Facebook for information

A weeklong clergy workshop is available on racial justice

Our new Bishop, Tessa Moon Leiseth will be installed on October 31, 2020

October is “Stewardship Emphasis” month

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction October – Pastor Erika Buller

Next meeting October 13, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer