

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 12, 2021**

**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 Dyrhaug	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor 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 – Dana Kasowski**

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Mike moved and Dana seconded to approve. Motion carried.

<b>2019</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<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)
<b>2019</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<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
<b>2020</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<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
<b>2020</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$21,512.00	\$24,417.00	\$30,922.00	\$35,612.50	\$36,528.07	\$38,103.81
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$5,886.09)	(\$16,313.71)	(\$24,151.70)	(\$29,462.09)	(\$31,833.64)	(\$33,268.40)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$36,868.28	\$26,440.66	\$18,602.67	\$13,292.28	\$10,920.73	(\$20,514.03)

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update:
  - a. There are still some things that need to be taken care of.
  - b. The chairs are in the sanctuary (about 200 right now, with spacing)
  - c. Lois is now in her office.
  - d. The cabinets are in the sacristy.
  - e. Left over cabinets have been used in the youth room.
  - f. The height of the altar is 2'6" – may need to make it taller.
  - g. Soundboard training is coming soon.
2. Worship discussion and communion possibilities:
  - a. Pastor Jake and Kelly met to put together guidelines for the type of worship we will have based on the county risk levels. Wearing of masks is subject to CDC and ND health guidelines. We will let staff decide the number and times of services. Blake moved and Mike seconded to accept these guidelines. Motion carried. These will be posted on the website and on the doors of the building.
  - b. We will resume in-person worship on January 24, 2021 at 10:00 am. Pastor Erika will put together an announcement regarding this decision.
  - c. The Theme for Lent is "Love in Quarantine". There will be weekly kits provided with prayers, instructions, a multi-generational lesson in a bag to be picked up at church or can be delivered.
  - d. There may be in-person services during Holy week.
3. Annual Budget:
  - a. Discussion on the Annual Budget for 2021 included:
    - i) Assistant Custodian needed with COVID and the new building
    - ii) Capital Campaign amounts included loan payments
    - iii) This sets a goal of faith and is visionary for growth in the future
  - b. Mike moved to present this budget to the congregation and Dee seconded it. Motion carried.
4. Nominating Committee:
  - a. New Board members are:
    - i) Board of Property: Keath Borchert and Lara LeKang
    - ii) Board of Outreach: Lori Pithey and Julie Carlson
    - iii) Board of Education: Dana Anderson and Mary Vosberg and one more
  - b. Outreach and Education need chair positions. Kathy and Dana will meet with these boards and make a plan for that to happen.
  - c. They are also looking for ideas for leadership training.
5. ICON – technology access:
  - a. Tabled for next meeting.
6. Audit Committee:
  - a. Carla Sheeley and Dale Formanek will continue on this committee for one more year and Sheila Dolan will join the committee for a three year term.
  - b. Dana moved and Cyndy seconded to appoint these people to the audit committee. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. *Board Reports:*

#### **Board of Stewardship:** Linda Johnson

- \* They are winding up their activities from the fall campaign.
- \* They are planning to do a “Fill the trunk” event each month throughout the year.

#### **Board of Property:** Mike Bassingthwaite

- \* The new video system id paid for by the Endowment Board.
- \* They feel good about the new board members.

#### **Board of Education:** Dana Kasowski

- \* Wednesday School bags have been very well received and are considered to be successful.
- \* There will be another “Drive-In-Bingo” on February 14, 2021.
- \* there will be a confirmation meeting next week.

#### **Board of Lay:** Cyndy Kolle

- \* Advent Bonfire was poorly attended.
- \* The Drive By “Live Nativity” was a blast. They are considering expanding it for next year with times from 4 to 6 pm and maybe have hot cider or hot chocolate.
- \* Christmas Service had plenty of music with lots of variety. Maybe next year have some in-person and some virtual services.

#### **Board of Outreach:** Blake Peterson

- \* They were busy getting kits together for quarantine outreach and then it dropped off. They have figured out an easier way to do this for future needs.
- \* The mail outreach continues.

### 2. *Lenten Theme:*

- Lent 2021: Love in Quarantine
  - February 17: “Burying the Past”
  - February 24: “Love is Patient”
  - March 3: “Love Does Not Envy”
  - March 10: “Love Is Not Rude”
  - March 17: “Love Does Not Rejoice in Wrongdoing”
  - March 24: “The Love of God”
- Each Board and Executive Committee will select a week to be the presenters for each service.

### 3. *Continuing Resolution for Annual Meeting:*

- Dana moved and Blake seconded that we adopt Continuing Resolution: C10.01A20 that will allow us to have a virtual annual meeting. Motion carried.
- The Resolution states: This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.
- This is a short-term solution and we may need to change our constitution to update it to include this item.

**4. Other:**

- a. The annual meeting agenda was presented and approved.
- b. Kelly presented a draft letter regarding the annual meeting and zoom practices. Pastor Erika will check with the Synod about how to register for Zoom.
- c. The letter will be sent to all confirmed members. If you don't get an email or letter, call Lois at the church office.
- d. Encourage all board members to attend the annual meeting.

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

***Dates and notables:***

February 9, 2021 - TBC group will start meeting in our Centennial Room

February 14, 2021 – Drive-in BINGO

February 17, 2021 – Lent Begins

February 18, 2021 – Pastor Jake will begin a Bible Study on the book of Acts

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction December – Mike Bassingthwaite

Next meeting February 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer