

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 13, 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 Dyrhaug	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor Erika Buller	x		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	x	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education		Brian Finnie	x
Linda Johnson , Board of Stewardship	x		

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Pastor Erika Buller

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Mike moved and Dee 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			
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$5,886.09)	(\$16,313.71)	(\$24,151.70)			
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$36,868.28	\$26,440.66	\$18,602.67			

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update
  - a. We are moving towards the end, with a few hiccups along the way.
  - b. A letter to the congregation went out 10-13-20 urging them to continue giving to their pledges, to consider additional gifts to the project and to inform about the "Giving Tree" display.
  - c. Most of the carpet is in and the soundboard is in the sanctuary.
  - d. The South entrance is still being worked on.
  - e. The electrician will be coming in on Monday.
  - f. The rooftop units are ready for testing for heat.
  - g. Brian has received an email that we will be getting \$21,275 from the emergency resiliency fund for no-touch faucets and toilets and water fountains.
  
2. Worship discussion and communion possibilities:
  - a. We will continue using the parking lot at the NDSCS football field for worship through October
  - b. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation is planned for confirmation students and their families only. The services will be at 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 with 50 to 60 in attendance at each service.
  - c. November 1st and 8th worship will be on Facebook live and the Bethel website only from the sanctuary with a hymn leader and special music, similar to in the parking lot.
  - d. On November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a virtual tour of the church on Facebook and on the Bethel website.
  - e. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be an instructional video on how to enter the church and how to Communion will be served for the first service on November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will not be bulletins for the service, but they will be sent to the homebound members. Face coverings will be required along with social distancing. There will not be a coffee hour.
  - f. There was discussion about the maximum number of people allowed and that there will be room for some overflow.
  - g. Bells, choir, and praise band are on hold until after the first of the year.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. *Board Reports:*

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

\* Temple talks have been given by Cyndy Kolle and Hal Fisher. Pastor Jessica Daum is scheduled to preach on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

\* Caramel Rolls will be handed out as you enter the parking lot on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The method of delivery has been approved by Michelle Eberhardt and Joyce Johnson.

\* They are working on ways to include stewardship in the coming months and to contact members to see how they are doing and let them know we are still here and we care.

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

\* All Items have been covered in the Implementation Team report above.

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

\* Pastor Erika and Lisa are working on an entirely online learning experience for 9<sup>th</sup> graders who will be confirmed in the spring, seminar style. This will be open to older members too.

\* They are discussing other ways to provide educational opportunities for the younger students at Bethel.

**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” will be moved to the spring.

\* They are continuing to work on the details for the fire victims supply and fund. They have talked with WalMart about prices for items that might be needed. They may also have a donation box in the church for donations of clothing in good condition.

**2. *Staff and Volunteer Safety During COVID-19 draft discussion:***

- a. Bethel Executive Committee had discussed Draft 1 of this policy sent out by Pastor Jake.
- b. Pastor Jake sent Draft 2 to the Planning Council for discussion at this meeting.
- c. Pastor Jake will send out Draft 3 to the Planning Council for final approval of this policy.

**3. *Other:***

- a. No other business was brought forward.

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

***Dates and notables:***

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

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

Pastor Jessica Daum is scheduled to preach on October 18, 2020 for Stewardship, “Embracing New Beginnings”.

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction October – Cyndy Kolle

Next meeting November 10, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer