

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
November 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

Kelly Voss	x	Cyndy Kolle, Board of Lay	x
Kathy Johnson		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 – Cyndy Kolle

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Mike moved and Cyndy 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	\$30,922.00	\$35,612.50		
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$5,886.09)	(\$16,313.71)	(\$24,151.70)	(\$29,462.09)		
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$36,868.28	\$26,440.66	\$18,602.67	\$13,292.28		

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update
 - a. Hopefully in two weeks, the office cabinets and the sacristy will be here and ready to install.
 - b. We need to reach out to chair people to see when to expect them to arrive.
 - c. Soffit is done.
 - d. A \$2500 camera for recording services has been donated. Digital Guru has been working on setting up the new soundboard, upgrading the computer at the soundboard. This will be more advanced so the power point can go directly from Lois's computer to the computer in church.
 - e. Some of the boards may have money in their budgets to help with the cost of some of this updating and software.
 - f. The Mixlr we have been using will not need to be renewed.

2. Worship discussion and communion possibilities:
 - a. Cyndy had emailed the Board of Lay to get new ideas for worship.
 - b. At the staff meeting on Tuesday, 11-10-2020, some of these ideas were discussed.
 - i) Use more instrumentals music in worship.
 - ii) More services on Christmas Eve and perhaps Christmas Day.
 - iii) Use reservations for these services.
 - iv) During Advent on Wednesday, have a bonfire in the parking lot.
 - v) Have a live nativity.
 - vi) During Advent have a prayer time in the sanctuary with taped music.
 - vii) Board of Lay and Education come up with an idea to replace the Advent Fair.
 - c. An hour and a half will be needed to clean between services.
 - d. Children's sermons will use the screens instead of having the children come forward.
 - e. We may prerecord a service and air on the website.
 - f. We will call on all boards to help with any of these ideas and changes.
 - g. In December we will post the advent offerings and note that they are subject to change.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * The Board of Stewardship served about 90 caramel rolls on Sunday, October 18th.
- * To keep carrying out stewardship, they will be doing a food drive with a "Fill the Trunk" for the food pantry on November 15th and 22nd from 11 AM to 12 PM in the north parking lot of the church.
- * They plan to continue to reach out to congregational members to see how they are doing.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * They have punch lists for mechanical and electrical.
- * The south entry might be ready next week.
- * They have ordered blinds for the window in the Narthex.
- * Tours of the church taking place the week of November 9-12.

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

- * Lisa has been providing Wednesday School on the website with videos and fun activities.
- * They are providing confirmation for grades 6-8 via Zoom.
- * The Big Bethel read has wrapped up.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

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

* November 15th is limited to 50 persons. There will be 3 ushers from the Board of Lay and Barb Mohs will be handing out communion as people enter the sanctuary.

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

* Sonja Christensen is an ad hoc member of this board performing mail outreach to members.

* They are starting with \$200 from their budget to put together “Quarantine Drop off Kits” Contact Pastor Erika if you know of families who are in need of this.

* They are continuing to work on the details for the fire victims supply and fund.

2. Budgets from boards:

- a. Boards are reminded to start working on their budgets for 2021.

3. Nominating Committee:

- a. Members on the nominating committee are: Char Oehlke, Julie Carlson, Neil Folstad, Angie Cruff, Rick Hendrickson, Sheila Dolan. These members are on for two years beginning in 2019.
- b. Dana Kasowski will be going off of the Board of Education and will go on the nominating committee to make the 7th member.

4. Open positions on the Boards:

- a. Board chairs are to find out who will be going off of the boards and who will be staying on.
- b. Matthew Anderson and possibly will be going off their boards.

5. Access to technology (ICON):

- a. Lois is hoping to find people to get trained to have access to ICON.
- b. Kelly will check with her if she knows if the company has suggestions as to who to include and at what level.

6. “Thanks-BINGO” – Pastor Erika:

- a. We are using this as our Be.The.Love campaign. There will be packets of 5 note cards with envelopes and stamps and a BINGO card with suggestions for people to send to with encouragement and connection.
- b. Write notes and mail them and fill out your BINGO card and mail that in for prizes. You can use the prize yourself or give it away or give a donation to a charity through the prize.
- c. There will be a commercial on the website.

7. Other:

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

Dates and notables:

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction December – Dee Jensen

Next meeting December 8, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer

