

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
April 13, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

Kelly Voss	x	Board of Lay, Cyndy Kolle	x
Kathy Johnson		Board of Property, Mike Bassingthwaite	x
Dee Jensen	x	Board of Outreach, Lori Pithey	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor Erika Buller			
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug	x	Guests:	
Board of Education, Dana Anderson	x		
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Kelly Voss

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Cyndy moved and Dee seconded to approve Treasurer’s report for January, February and March. Motion carried. Cindy will ask Missy to email new version of reports to Planning Council members.

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	\$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)
2021	January	February	March	April	May	June
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$25,837.00	\$33,846.07	\$42,532.28			
<i>Income/Balance :</i>						
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$245,434.28	\$125,846.83	\$129,360.68			
2021	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>						
<i>Income/Balance:</i>						
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>						

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Access to ICON:
 - a. Kelly will check with Lois about allowing other board members access as well as the congregation members.
2. Discuss Dedication and Celebration of the building:
 - a. The Board of Property has decided to hold this event on Rally Sunday, September 12, 2021.
 - b. This will involve a noon potluck and grilling food at noon following the 11:00 service.
 - c. The Board of Property will be checking with each board for ideas for the celebration and the dedication ceremony.
 - d. Planning Council agreed with the date and will leave this on the agenda for future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * They want to support the Mobile food Pantry by having a “Generate Dollars for the Generator Sunday” to contribute to the food pantry. They will cooperate with the Board of Outreach for the Be.The.Love campaign.
- * They will be sending out a shortened “Time & Talent” sheet in May for readers and ushers. They will also be sending out “Forget-me-not” flower packets.
- * They will continue with the theme “Experiencing New Beginnings” for the entire year
- * They will select a member of this board to be part of the Memorial Committee.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * The miscellaneous items in the south Fellowship Hall and garage will be open to claim by congregational members at a future date.
- * Brian is investigating grants to purchase AEDs. Danielle will also pursue it through Public Health.
- * The dedication ceremony will be at 1:30 on September 12 and will recognize everyone involved in the project.
- * They will meet April 20 at 3:00 to go through items in the Fellowship Hall.

Board of Education: Dana Anderson

- * Confirmation is in person. Ninth graders will be confirmed on May 2, 2021 at 11:00 and 1:00 services for the 27 confirmation students and families only.
- * They are setting many goals such as: a Mentor program, Post Confirmation gatherings and programs, Cross-Generational Activities, A Family Guidebook and Adult Education.
- * The National Youth Gathering group will meet April 18 at the church.
- * Third Grade Bibles – classes will be held April 14 and 21.
- * Vacation Bible School is in the planning stages.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * Easter worship went well.
- * Summer Worship will begin on Memorial Day weekend and continue through Labor Day weekend with a 10:00 service. The Praise Band will play when Mary Jane Pauly cannot do music.
- * Communion will be in pre-packaged containers until further notice.

* They have not discussed Worship in the Park, but there is an Ecumenical Worship service scheduled for August 1 in Wells Memorial Park.

* A discussion of tuning the grand piano was had.

Board of Outreach: Lori Pithey

* They are planning a multifunctional center for Visitors, Prayer Requests and Suggestions with the title “Welcome to Bethel Kiosk”.

* New Member Sunday is set for April 25, 2021 at the 11:00 service. Orientation will be at 10:00 that morning. They are putting together a “New Member Packet” with a variety of items for the new members.

2. Charter Wahpeton Cub Scouts Request:

- a. Lori moved that we become the Charter sponsor for this troop, Cyndy seconded. After some discussion, the motion carried.

3. Nominating Committee to begin in April:

- a. According to the Constitution the Nominating Committee should be appointed in April. Two outgoing members from the Planning Council will be on this committee.
- b. If we hold a fall election it would be helpful to transition into the offices.
- c. Cindy Will check on members of the previous Nominating Committee.

4. Other:

- a. We discussed the policy for smaller groups wanting to serve food. It was decided that smaller groups may serve prepackaged items of food. It was also okayed for the New Members only to have some cookies or rolls. Kelly will contact Sonja regarding the quilters having food.
- b. The “Dollars for Jesus” directives and parameters were assigned to the Board of Outreach.

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

Dates and notables:

April 14 & 21, 2021 – Third Grade Bible Classes will be held

April 25, 2021 – New Member Sunday – 10:00 Orientation & 11:00 Worship/Welcome

April 28, 2021 – Last Day of Wednesday School – Fun Night

May 2, 2021 – Ninth Grade Confirmation – 11:00 and 1:00 Services for Confirmation only

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction for May – Linda Johnson

Next meeting May 11, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer