

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
May 11, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

Kelly Voss	x	Board of Lay, Cyndy Kolle	x
Kathy Johnson	x	Board of Property, Keath Borchert	x
Dee Jensen		Board of Outreach, Julie Carlson	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor Erika Buller			
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug	x	Guests:	
Board of Education, Sara Vierstraete	x	Brian Finnie	x
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Linda Johnson

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Kathy moved and Julie seconded to approve Treasurer's report with corrections to January, February and March and new item numbers for January through April.

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	\$32,825.07	\$40,604.03	\$28,782.00		
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$32,171.00)	(\$118,934.00)	\$7,678.00	(\$10,186.69)		
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$245,434.28	\$125,846.83	\$129,360.68	\$117,164.69		
2021	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>						
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>						
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>						

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Access to ICON:
 - a. Cyndy had a question because she was looking for a person and couldn't find them, so called Lois and they both have questions about who should be listed. Cyndy's opinion is that this is a directory and that it should include everyone.
 - b. Kelly reminded us that it is still password protected and can only be accessed by people who have passwords.
 - c. It is the consensus of the Planning Council that we should consider this to be a directory and that it should include everyone. Lois will be informed of this decision.
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 followed by a BRIEF program which will include recognition of all involved on each team and some music on the new organ.
 - 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.
3. Nominating Committee:
 - a. The Nominating Committee consists of Kathy Johnson, Julie Carlson, Mike Bassingthwaite, Kelly Voss, and Dana Kasowski for two year terms.
 - b. Cindy will check on other names who should be on this committee.
 - c. Julie commented that the hardest part of this is that there were chair positions to fill on some boards. Kathy is working on this. We will visit this again in June.
4. Dollars for Jesus:
 - a. They are in the process of working on this and contacting other churches to see what their processes are and where the gaps may be.
 - b. We will continue this next month.

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. This is put on hold until the food pantry informs them of what they need.

* They did send out a shortened "Time & Talent" sheet in May for readers and ushers. A "Forget-me-not" flower packet was included in the mailing.

* When help is need to stuff envelopes, the stewardship board will be notified and any help will be appreciated.

* Polly Withuski volunteered to serve on the Memorial Committee from this board.

Board of Property: Keath Borchert & Brian Finnie

- * The miscellaneous items in the south Fellowship Hall and garage have almost all been claimed. We even received some donations to the “Renovation Project”.
- * The roof leaks in the Sacristy and the lounge have been fixed.
- * A toilet in the men’s restroom has been replaced.
- * The air conditioning units have been charged and are ready for operation.
- * This board plans to carpet the nursery with extra carpet.
- * The ceiling in the Fellowship Hall needs repair in one area.
- * The soundboard and video system is getting in shape and the glitches are being taken care of.
- * The Grand piano has been tuned and some discussion on the pianos was held with Brian giving information about tuners and when the tunings have been scheduled. The Grand piano will be taken off of its rollers. We turned the piano issues over to the Board of Property.

Board of Education: Sara Vierstraete

- * Confirmation was held on May 2, 2021 with two services and 27 students confirmed.
- * They are planning summer VBS with other churches involved.
- * Senior Sunday will be on May 23, 2021 with 26 graduates being celebrated. A breakfast will be served that morning.
- * The last day of Wednesday School went well.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * Wednesday evening services have ended for the summer.
- * Summer Worship will begin on Memorial Day and continue through Labor Day weekend with a 10:00 service. There will be coffee hour at 9:00, prior to services. The Praise Band will play on June 6th and August 1st. A potluck will follow the worship service.
- * There is an Ecumenical Worship Service on August 1st in Wells Memorial Park. There will not be worship at Bethel Church that morning.

Board of Outreach: Julie Carlson

- * They are planning a multifunctional center for Visitors, Prayer Requests and Suggestions with the title “Welcome to Bethel Kiosk”. Brian will stain the box when it is finished.
- * New Member Sunday was a success with 17 new members. They even gave away some of the crocs to the new members.
- * They are in the process of establishing guidelines for the Dollars for Jesus Funds.

2. Masks at Bethel:

- a. After much discussion about masks, what other churches are doing, what the schools are doing and other comments, it was suggested that we change our signs at the church to read “Masks are Recommended, All are Welcome”.
- b. Kathy Moved to have the signs changed and Cyndy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Lois will generate new signs.

3. Update the Color Code Chart:

- a. The state is at the new normal. We can drop the color code chart, replace the signs and put it on the website. All agreed.

4. Computer Security Policy:

- a. Pastor Jake, Kelly Voss and Marc Johnson put together a draft of a policy to address some concerns about confidential matters in emails and files and other security issues.
- b. The draft is in progress and will be turned over to the Board of Property to consider.

5. Beacon articles:

- a. Beacon articles are due the Friday after the board meetings.

6. LSS Benevolence:

- a. LSS has returned our check in the past few months because they are no longer in business. Kelly has reached out to the Bishop about this issue.
- b. Cyndy asked who decides where we put our benevolences. The answer is that the Planning Council decides. We will void the returned checks and hold the funds for now.

7. Ecumenical Service – August 1, 2021:

- a. This was already discussed in the Board of Lay report.

8. Other:

- a. Cyndy asked about the placement of the flags in the sanctuary. Keath said to pass this on to the Board of Property.
- b. After some discussion about serving food at events in the church it was decided to allow this to happen. We will begin serving coffee hour on May 30, 2021 at 9:00 am before the worship service.

Board Reports – each board email minutes to Bethel office to review on the Friday after the Board meetings .

Dates and notables:

May 23, 2021 – Senior Recognition Sunday

May 30, 2021 – Summer Worship Schedule begins – 10:00 am with coffee hour at 9:00 am.

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction for June – Cyndy Kollé

Next meeting June 8, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer