

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
June 8, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

Kelly Voss	x	Board of Lay, Laeissa Gilbertson	x
Kathy Johnson	x	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, Jessica Miller	x	Brian Finnie	x
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Larissa Gilbertson (using Cyndy Kollé’s spiritual direction)

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Dee moved and Linda seconded to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

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	\$26,346.00	
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$32,171.00)	(\$118,934.00)	\$7,678.00	(\$10,186.69)	\$6,276.00	
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$245,434.28	\$125,846.83	\$129,360.68	\$117,164.69	\$121,579.43	
2021	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>						
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>						
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>						

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Dedication and Celebration of the building:
 - a. There is no update at his time. Any help from other boards will be appreciated.
2. Nominating Committee:
 - a. Cindy listed previous members and will forward them on to Kathy Johnson. Kathy will then make calls to these people to determine if they are willing to continue serving on this committee.
3. Dollars for Jesus Update:
 - a. Lori Pithey has done a great deal of research for this and presented a draft policy for us to discuss. The policy will help to clarify amounts to give for essential emergency and basic needs for individuals.
 - b. The one-dollar bills in the collection plate or envelopes designated as for this account will go into this account. It was asked if \$20 is enough and then suggested that it would be \$20 for the first person in the family with an additional \$5 person in the family up to 4 individuals.
 - c. She has checked with other agencies in the community to see what they provide and is providing a list of these agencies for referral purposes. St John's church is also willing to partner with Bethel. The Board of Outreach will continue to work on this policy.
4. Computer Security Policy:
 - a. This was referred to the board of Property. They have questions about having an IT consultant since we are paying Digital Guru to help us with this.
 - b. Another question is how are files being saved now and if we have a server based system, is that where everyone is saving their materials?
 - c. They recommend that there needs to be more time spent on this policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * They have set their goals for 2021: Work on Time and Talent Sheets, Revise Offering envelopes and Expand involvement to include the youth in the Time and Talent Sheets and Commitment Cards.
- * They will be sending out letters with a 3-month schedule for ushers, servers, communion prep and readers.
- * They will help with whatever is needed for the celebration.
- * They are looking for a new member to replace Suzanne Pehl.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * There is one more payment due to Comstock Construction.
- * There will not be bell cabinets as planned. Bell storage will be elsewhere in the church.
- * Flag placement in the Sanctuary will be discussed with the American Legion.

Board of Education: Jessica Miller

- * Confirmation was held with 2 services and it went great.
- * 75 youth attended the last day of Wednesday School programming. It was great to have the church full again.
- * Senior Sunday went well with board members setting up tables after their board meeting and egg bakes were made on Saturday and warmed up on Sunday morning.
- * Current members of the Adult Education Committee are Linda Miller, Kristin Brevik and Dana Kasowski.

Board of Lay: Larissa Gilbertson

- * We are now into the summer worship service schedule with coffee at 9:00 and worship at 10:00.
- * Cyndy is working on schedules for special music.
- * There is an Ecumenical Worship Service on August 1st in Wells Memorial Park. For offering that day, we will contribute to our respective churches and any other offering will go to a program in the community to be determined later.

Board of Outreach: Lori Pithey

- * New Member Sunday was successful.
- * Lori Pithey reviewed the Dollars for Jesus Policy earlier in the agenda.
- * Bethel Music in the Park is July 7 at 7:30. The Board of Outreach will provide popcorn.
- * God's Work, Our Hands Sunday will not be able to be held on September 12, because of our Dedication and Celebration of the building that day. Another date will be determined later.

2. *New Member for Board of Stewardship:*

- a. A new member to replace Suzanne Pehl's term and then they can be elected for another term. If anyone has any names to suggest, give them to Linda Johnson.

3. *Other:*

- a. A few questions were brought up about the "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday – what are the logistics, what projects have been done in the past and how will it affect the times of the services?

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

Dates and notables:

June 7-10, 2021 – VBS – 5:30-8:00 with supper at 4:45-5:20
July 7, 2021 - Bethel Music in the Park
August 1, 2021 – Ecumenical Service in Wells Memorial Park

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction for July – Kathy Johnson

Next meeting July 13 , 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer