

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

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Kathy johnson

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Cyndy moved and Mike 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	\$25,304.00
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$32,171.00)	(\$118,934.00)	\$7,678.00	(\$10,186.69)	\$5,953.00	(\$16,816.00)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$245,434.28	\$125,846.83	\$129,360.68	\$117,164.69	\$121,579.43	\$103,086.54
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. Mike gave some of the tentative plans for the dedication/celebration involving grilling, potluck, tours of the church, and the dedication.
 - b. It was suggested that we have only one church service at 10:00 with a blending of the types of worship and hymn singing and dedication, then eat, then have other activities.
 - c. A representative from the Board of Lay and the Board of Property will meet with the pastors to plan out the service more extensively.
2. Nominating Committee:
 - a. Kathy Johnson reported that Dana Kasowski will Chair this committee. Other members will be Kelly Voss, Kathy Johnson and Mike Bassingthwaite. Dana has other possible names to complete this committee.
3. Dollars for Jesus Update:
 - a. A copy of what they have so far in the policy will be given to Pastor Erika.
4. Computer Security Policy:
 - a. The Board of Property did not deal with this at their last meeting as they were concentrating on the dedication and celebration details.
5. New Member for Board of Stewardship:
 - a. They are still working finding a replacement on this board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

* This board had much discussion about how to better utilize the time and talent forms to be incorporated into the fall campaign. They are thinking of ideas on how to get more responses from the time and talent forms are sent out. Perhaps the Synod has resources available,

* Tentative dates for the Fall Campaign are October 3, 10, & 17. The theme is “Experiencing New Beginnings”.

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

* The tentative plans for the celebration were discussed earlier in “Old Business”.

* The main focus of the meeting was the dedication and celebration plans. Other items will be discussed in July.

Board of Education: Lisa Bassingthwaite

* Vacation Bible School had 53 kids (10 not from Bethel) It went well.

* Valley Fair trip is coming soon. 36 kids signed up and 5 or 6 adults.

* They are looking at having a “Pool Night” sometime in August.

* Pastor Phil and Lisa are planning a “Water Walk” to raise money for building wells.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

* The Board of Lay is discussing the guidelines for ushers, and policies for use of the building by various types of groups, i.e. Single event and continuous event.

* A discussion was had about returning to “normal” way of having communion. It was decided that we will return to normal communion in August, however it will be on the 2nd and 4th Sunday because of the Ecumenical Service on the 1st Sunday and Synod Assembly on the 3rd Sunday. Individual communion kits will be made available if a person requests it.

* Fall scheduling of worship, nursery, soundboard, choir, bells, communion and ushers will be discussed at their July meeting. The Board of Lay recommends that only one flower arrangement is needed for Altar Flowers.

Board of Outreach: Julie Carlson

* The Board of Outreach provided water and popcorn for music in the park July 7.

* This board is looking at September 26 for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday. They will be looking for project ideas within the community and/or things to be done at Bethel.

2. Synod Assembly – August 14 & 15, 2021 - need 5 delegates:

- a. Kelly & Alison Voss and Cyndy Kolle volunteered. Perhaps it should be announced in worship that we need volunteers for delegates.

3. Other:

- a. Cyndy had asked Missy for a more detailed report of board expenses for the Board of Lay. Missy did that for each of the boards. Mike commented that it looks like we have spent about 50% of our budget but only brought in about 30% of what was budgeted.
- b. Cyndy asked questions about the remodel project because she has been asked questions. It was stated that the contracted work is complete. We have started to make payments on the remodel loan that we took out to help pay for the project.

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

Dates and notables:

August 1, 2021 – Ecumenical Service in Wells Memorial Park

August 14 & 15, 2021 – Synod Assembly in Fargo

September 8, 2021 – Wednesday Programming begins

September 12, 2021 – Dedication & Celebration

September 12-15, 2021 – Pastoral Retreat at Fair Hills

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction for August – Mike Bassingthwaite

Next meeting August 10 , 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer