

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
August 10, 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, Lori Pithey	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor Erika Buller	x		
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug	x	Guests:	
Board of Education, Pastor Erika	x		
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Mike Bassingthwaite

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Mike moved and Dee seconded to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. A discussion followed regarding what we want to have for our reports. The operating budget without the dedicated accounts would be helpful. Cyndy likes the 21 page report.

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>	\$19,014.00					
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$30,895.00)					
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$70,308.08					

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Dedication and Celebration of the building:
 - a. There will be one service at 10:00, which will include the dedication ceremony. The choir and bells will provide special music for the service. A lunch will follow with grilling of meats and potluck for other items. The Wednesday kitchen group is helping with the serving of the potluck.
 - b. The Board of Ed and Board of Outreach are planning games and entertainment. The Board of Outreach is in charge of the “Swag” for the 6 stations of the tour. Mike moved to provide \$1000 for the “swag” gifts and Cyndy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. Sonja is working with the quilters to provide a booth. Bev is working with the circles to decorate the Fellowship Hall for the meal. Laurie Stiller will have her new book available.
 - d. The Board of Stewardship will send invitations to former pastors and to other churches. Perhaps Shar Gumke would be a guest pastor. Other forms of advertisement are: newspapers, Facebook, Bethel Church website and Pastor Jake and Pastor Erika will give messages for announcements of “saving the date” for the celebration.
 - e. Larissa is working on a photo collage. Julie is working on a cake contest.
2. Nominating Committee:
 - a. Kathy Johnson reported that Dana Kasowski and Sharon Kotnour are on the nominating committee.
 - b. Kathy moved and Dee seconded the motion to appoint Angela Cruff and Barry Hendrickson to complete the terms of Suzanne Pehl and Kathy Hammer on the Board of Stewardship.
3. Dollars for Jesus Update:
 - a. No new news at this time.
4. Computer Security Policy:
 - a. There are suggestions, but nothing definite at this time.
5. Synod Assembly – August 14 & 15:
 - a. Art Grochow will lead the worship service at Bethel and there will be a video from the Bishop for the sermon.
 - b. Delegates are Kelly and Alison Voss, Cyndy Kolle, Dana Kasowski and Gladys Bair.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * They did not meet in July.
- * They are responsible for the communications for the dedication and celebration.
- * They are working on the “Time and Talent sheets”

Board of Property: Mike Bassinghwaite

- * A new AED has been installed. Security system cameras have been ordered.
- * Brian has patched the roof over the Sacristy.
- * A discussion on having kneeling pads at the communion rail was had at Planning Council for input.
- * The contractors have been back in to fix some things.
- * The nursery carpet will be on hold for now.

* We need to do something with the East entrance and the bricks. We need ideas on how to incorporate the names on the bricks into the concrete.

* The flag placement in the Sanctuary will follow church guidelines.

Board of Education: Pastor Erika

* They had a full bus of 53 kids and chaperones for Valley Fair in July.

* Programming begins September 8 and a parent meeting on September 1.

* There will be a pool party with pizza at the Langendorfer Shelter and the pool on August 11.

* Bill Brown is moving and will need a replacement on the Board of Education.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

* The fall schedule for worship services will be 9:00 and 11:00 with coffee at 10:00. This will begin on September 19, 2021. The choir will provide special music on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays and the Bells will provide special music on the 2nd Sunday. If there is a 5th Sunday there will be other special music.

* The Board of Lay will help pay for the Dedication Sunday on September 12, 2021 with up to \$1000.

* The Board of Lay and the Board of Property met jointly on July 20, 2021 to discuss the Dedication/Rally Sunday services.

Board of Outreach: Lori Pithey

* The Board of Outreach helped with the potluck for the Ecumenical Service in Wells Memorial Park on August 1, 2021.

* “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday will be held on September 26, 2021 at Bethel. They are looking for projects in the community or at Bethel.

* They are going to do a college student outreach for the years 2020 & 2021 by mailing cards to students in college from our congregation. They also plan to reach out to NDSCS students to let them know that we are here.

* Lori also mentioned some of the “swag” ideas they are considering for the dedication/celebration.

2. Other:

- a. If at all possible, the boards should meet at the regularly scheduled dates and times. It is easier to collaborate and for the pastors to get in on the meetings.

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

Dates and notables:

September 8, 2021 – Wednesday Programming begins

September 12, 2021 – Dedication & Celebration -10:00 worship service

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

September 21, 2021 – Meeting night for boards

September 26, 2021 – “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday

October 3, 2021 – The Fall Stewardship Campaign begins

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction for September – Dee Jensen

Next meeting September 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer