

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
September 14, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – Dee Jensen

Roll Call

Kelly Voss		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			
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug		Guests:	
Board of Education, Dana Anderson	x		
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Dee Jensen

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

TREASURERS REPORT: Mike moved and Cyndy seconded to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. A discussion followed regarding finances and Mike & Cindy will meet with Missy for more details. The passing of the offering plates will be turned over to the COVID Committee.

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	\$38,759.00				
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$30,895.00)	\$228.00				
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$70,308.08	\$72,748.83				

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Follow-up Dedication and Celebration of the building on September 12, 2021:
 - a. Everyone enjoyed the bells and choir together.
 - b. The kids had fun with the games in the coatroom area.
 - c. \$158 came in from the voting on the cake decorating, which will go to the “Dollars for Jesus” fund. The winner was Pastor Jake’s daughter, Karis Dyrhaug.
 - d. There were a variety of activities for everyone.
 - e. It was a wonderful group effort. Cyndy Kolle commended Pastor Jake for a nice worship service.
2. Nominating Committee:
 - a. The boards need to find out what positions will be open and report that to Kathy Johnson.
 - b. The COVID Committee consists of Danielle Flack, Jim Cornelius and Angela Cruff.
3. Dollars for Jesus Update:
 - a. The policy has been turned over to Pastor Jake and he will work with the staff to see what it should look like. Money will be used for gas and food vouchers as in the past. Other larger expenses need to be in the policy as well.
4. Computer Security Policy:
 - a. This is still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Board Reports:*

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * Dates for the Fall Campaign have been changed to October 17th, 24th & 31st. The theme is “Experiencing New Beginnings” and they are also considering adding “Live In Love”.
- * They are developing a “Thrivent Committee” to help designate where incoming funds would go.
- * They are working on updating the “Time and Talent sheets”

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * Communion rail pads will be placed on a future list of “wants” for later discussion.
- * The bricks on the East entrance of the church will be dealt with in the spring. The discussion of ideas on what to do with the bricks is tabled for now.
- * The board decided that on Communion Sundays the baptismal bowl will be removed and the font will be placed beside the altar for the communion trays..
- * The flag placement will be discussed in their September meeting.

Board of Education: Pastor Erika

- * Confirmation will be a little different this year. The 9th grade class will be involved in several seminar sessions with a requirement of participating in 10 total credits from the seminars of their choosing. Some will be offered on Wednesday and some on Sunday morning.
- * Feed the starving children will be incorporated into the Valley Scare event.
- * They are looking for a member from this board to be on the Adult Education Committee.
- * Wednesday School programming will involve 3 stations – exploration, music & games and Bible Study.
- National Youth Gathering updates were discussed.

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.
- * There is a need for additional volunteers for the sound/video portion of the services. Shea Jelinek will be doing that at the Wednesday worship service.
- * The Board of Lay and the Board of Property met jointly to discuss policies for building use and weddings.

Board of Outreach: Lori Pithey

- * There are lots of projects coming in for “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday on September 26, 2021.
- * They are involved in NDSCS Campus Outreach. Students are also invited to Wednesday night meals at Bethel.
- * On the night of Wednesday School registration, they also tried to catch anyone interested in becoming members of Bethel. New Member Sunday is tentatively set for October 17th.

2. *Heads up to the boards:*

- a. Be thinking about your proposed budgets.

3. *Building Use Policy Committee update:*

- a. They are working on a policy for the use of the building. A rough draft is not available at this time. A discussion followed and there is need for another meeting before presenting this to the Executive Board and the Planning Council.
- b. Michelle Meyer is the only wedding coordinator at this time, but 2 other persons are considering the position.

4. *Revisit mask wearing guidelines:*

- a. Mask wearing guidelines will be turned over to the COVID Committee.

5. *Other:*

- a. A plant was given to Bethel for the dedication from St John’s Church. Cindy will write a thank you to them.

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

Dates and notables:

September 19, 2021 – Begin having 2 worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 with coffee hour at 10:00
September 21, 2021 – Meeting night for boards
September 24, 2021 – Beacon articles are due
September 26, 2021 – “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday
October 17, 24, 31, 2021 – The Fall Stewardship Campaign
October 19, 2021 – Meeting night for Boards

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction for October – Cindy Borchert

Next meeting October 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer