

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
April 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER (5:30 PM) – Carter Hansen

Members Present: Tricia Kriel – Brd of Outreach, Paul Oehlke,- Brd of Property, Stephanie Beyer – Bd of Lay Ministry, Polly Withuski – Bd of Stewardship, Larry Bethel – Exec Brd, Dianne Finnie, Exec Brd, Ginny Buck – Exec Brd, Carter Hansen – Board of Exec, Pastor Tom Peterson

Members Absent: Janine Berg - Board of Education

Guests: Joyce Johnson

Spiritual Direction – Pastor Tom, Presented opening prayer and direction

Approval of March 16, 2023 Minutes: Ginny/Stephanie to approve. Motion passed unanimously

Financial Reports: Motion Paul/Diane to approve financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wahp/Breck Boy scout troop storage of trailer. Discussion was held on where the trailer would be stored at the Church and liability issues. A motion was made by Larry/Stephanie to approve request on the following conditions: 1. Obtain a waiver of liability 2. We can change our commitment to them at any time. 3. The trailer may have to be moved within a specified time for snow removal. Motion passed unanimously.

Joyce Johnson discussed the Family Footprints program. Sandy Block-Hansen is requesting the Church to provide office space and be the Fiscal Agent for the program. Joyce is going to obtain more information and ask Sandy Block-Hansen to be present at the next Planning Committee meeting.

ComDel Announcement: Carter and Pastor Tom reported that ComDel has an opportunity to bring in Ukrainian citizens to work at the ComDel facility. ComDel is asking for social and community support from local organizations and Churches. The reaction from the Planning Committee was very positive.

Parishioner Donation: Pastor Tom reported that a parishioner has donated a \$1,000 and the parishioner stated that it could be used for any needed purpose of the Church. Joyce Johnson stated that a good use of the funds would be for a communion pads. It was decided by the Planning Committee to proceed with the project and let the Memorial Committee handle it.. The Memorial Committee will work with Waggoners, Inc

Other Business:

Committtee Reports

Capital Campaign – Pastor Tom reported on the current status of the campaign and upcoming events.

Call Committee – Carter reported on the current status of the Call Committee process. Two interviews have been made so far.

Property Committee – Paul and Pastor Tom reported on the roof leaks and also on the heating and cooling situation in the Church. Paul also reported that a representative of Climate Control had been in the Church and presented options concerning the heating and cooling issues for the Church. Jeff our custodian has reported on different issues in the Church with a leaking roof in several areas as a primary concern that needs to be addressed. This will have to wait till later this spring when the snow and ice is gone from the roof.

Board of Lay – Stephanie Beyer reported on the activities of the Board of Lay

Board of Stewardship – Polly Withuski reported on the Stewardship Committee activities.

Adjournment: With no more business to come before the Committee the committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:
Larry Bethel Secretary/Treasurer