

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WAHPETON, ND**  
**Planning Committee – Minutes**  
**June 8, 2023**

- I. **Carter called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.**
- II. **Members Present:** Carter Hansen, Diane Finnie, Ginny Buck, Larry Bethel, Steph Beyer, Janine Berg, Muriel Hedrick, Paul Oehlke, Pastor Tom Peterson
- III. **Member Absent:** Tricia Kriel, Paula Withuski
- IV. **Devotions:** Pastor Tom shared devotions with the committee, along with an opening prayer.
- V. **Approval of Minutes:** The May 11, 2023 minutes were approved on a motion by Muriel and a second by Ginny. Motion passed unanimously
- VI. **Monthly Financial Report:** Larry reviewed the Monthly Financials. Carter noted the financials had already been approved at the Exec Committee meeting on Tuesday night.
- VII. **FFS Capital Campaign Update.** Joyce Johnson provided a spreadsheet of the FFS Campaign activity as of June 6, 2023.
- VIII. **Call Committee Update:** Pastor Tom reported on the status of the Call Committee. At this time there are no potential candidates being considered by the Call Committee.
- IX. **Old Business**
  - a. **Pastoral Issues:** Carter reviewed the status of filling the pastoral responsibilities until a fulltime pastor is called. Pastor Tom is willing to continue in a part time capacity for an indefinite period of time. A new contract will be drafted for Pastor Tom’s interim call position.
- X. **New Business**
  - a. **Remaining 2023 Meeting Schedule –** A decision has been made to move the Exec Committee meetings to the second Tuesday and the Planning Committee meetings to the first Thursday after the first Tuesday. Larry handed out a calendar of the remainder of the year with the meeting dates noted.
  - b. **Synod Assembly –** Diane, Larry and Tom reported on the Synod Assembly meeting.

## **XI. Committee Reports**

- a. Board of Outreach – No Report
- b. Board of Lay - Steph Beyer reported on the following issues:
  - First Wednesday Night Service was May 31, 2023.
  - The Committee is meeting next Tuesday, June 13th
- c. Board of Stewardship – Muriel Hedrick reporting on the following:
  - Alzheimer program
  - Thrivent Caregiver Program
  - She is also concerned about membership on the committee. 3 members are going off the committee this year
- d. Board of Education - Janine Berg reported on the following issues
  - Brunch for seniors
  - Moving dates of VBS
- e. Board of Property – Paul Oehlke reported on the following issues:
  - Time Capsule located on the east side of the building. Diane will research history for the next meeting.
  - Estimates are being sought for the building roof repair and repair on the A/C system
  - Digital Guru contract
  - The exterior wall of the Fellowship Hall is leaning out toward the parking lot, a new crack has developed.
  - Jeff is going to reseal the wood work on the east and south entrances.
  - Jeff is going to be gone the first part of August. The committee is looking for adequate replacements while Jeff is gone.

## **XII. Other Business**

- a. It was noted that the Planning Committee needs to appoint a nominating committee.

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