

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Planning Committee Minutes

May 11, 2023

Call to Order (5:30 PM) – In the absence of Chairperson Carter Hansen, Diane Finney called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Diane Finnie, Ginny Buck and Larry Bethel from the Executive Committee. Tricia Kriel – Board of Outreach, Muriel Hedrick – Board of Stewardship, Stephanie Beyer – Board of Lay, Paul Oehlke – Board of Property, Janine Berg – Board of Education and Call Committee

Members Absent: Carter Hansen

Guests Present: Sandy Block-Hangen, Footprints program and Joyce Johnson of the Church Staff.

Spiritual Directions – Pastor Tom presented some spiritual direction and lead the committee in an opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes- Steph/Ginny a motion to approve the minutes of April 13th motion passed unanimously

April Financials: Larry presented April financials. Steph/Ginny to approve the financials as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

- **Sandy Block-Hansen's request for office space for the Footprints program.** Sandy has applied for grants to fund her program. Sandy is asking Bethel Church for use of an office at the Church. Sandy stated that in her grant application she has budgeted \$5,000 for office space. Larry/Step motioned that we offer the office space to Sandy on a one-year trial basis with no rent to be charged. The Executive Committee was also to determine the details of the arrangement in a "Memo of Understanding". Motion passed unanimously.
- **FFS Capital Campaign update:** Joyce presented a report on the results of the campaign as of today's date. Her report contained the following information:
 - o Pledged to Date:
 - FFS Debt Reduction - \$311,071.00
 - FFS Outreach - \$21,227.00
 - FFS Campaign - \$262,028.00
 - TOTAL PLEDGED - \$594,326.00

- TOTAL GOAL \$650,000
- TOTAL ADDITIONAL PLEDGES NEEDED TO MEET GOAL - \$55,674.00
- Cash Contributions to Date:
 - FFS Debt Reduction - \$45,860.00
 - FFS Outreach – \$4,420.00
 - FFS Campaign - \$11,104.41
 - TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE: \$61,384.41
- Pastor Tom read a proposed letter to be sent out to “Friends of the Church” . The Planning Committee was in agreement on the wording of the letter and that the mailing should proceed.
- **Call Committee update:** Janine Berg reported the status of the Call Committee. Initial interviews have been made with two candidates. The call committee decided not to proceed with the first candidate. The second candidate has pulled their name from contention.

New Business

- **Pastoral Coverage:** Pastor Tom presented the Contract terms with Rene Hasbargen from the May 15th to December 31st. The contract is attached to these minutes.
- Pastor Tom’s contract will be completed on May 14th and he will be unavailable for some time. A new contract will be created for him upon his return. Terms of the contract will be dependent on several issues including the progress of the Call Committee’s progress on the call to a new pastor.
- **Synod Assembly** – Diane announced that the Synod Assembly will be meeting the dates of June 3rd and 4th. 4 people from the congregation have been invited to attend. Diane stated that If anybody is interested in attending. They should contact the Church office.

Committee Reports

Board of Outreach - Tricia Kriel reported on the activities of her board.

Board of Lay – Reported on the activities of her committee.

Board of Stewardship – Muriel Hendrick reported on the activities of her committee.

Board of Education – Janine Berg reported on the activities of her committee.

Ginny/Larry motioned to adjourn the meeting motion passed unanimously.