

# **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## **WAHPETON, ND**

### **Planning Committee – Minutes**

**September 14, 2023**

Meeting called to order by Carter at 5:30 PM.

Devotions were previded by Steph

Members present: Carter, Ginny, Steph, Trish, Paul, Paula,

Members absent: Larry, Diane, Janine

Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and motion made by Steph and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul to accept as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Financials were presented by Carter, there were no questions. The financials were accepted at the Executive Committee meeting.

FFS Capital Campaign, we went over where this stands, no questions.

Call Committee update, everyone felt informed with the recent happenings and are excited for the next phase.

### **Old Business**

- I. Nominating Committee: Ginny has 5 members on the committee as of now we feel that that is enough along with herself. The Committee will meet soon to get all on board with what is needed and start the process. All boards are encouraged to give suggestions on persons for their boards to Ginny.
- II. The process for gathering and distributing board information and contacts with church office. All boards would like minutes from the other boards previous meetings so they can review them. After each Board monthly meeting the minutes of the meeting should be sent to Kim by the Wed before the Planning council meeting so she can send out by email.
- III. Board meeting schedule: Boards can meet whenever it works the best for them as long as they have one before the next Planning Council meeting.
- IV. There will be a Financial 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter update given by Larry between services on October 22nd

### **Board reports**

- I. Outreach: \$521.00 was collected for the Backpack program from noisy offering. Block Party at the college was a success and many prizes were given. Touch a Truck is this coming Monday. Operation Christmas Blessing will get underway soon.
- II. Board of Lay: Back to school and Programing is under way, had a good number at the first Wed school night. Communion Sundays it was decided to have the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month be standing and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday be kneeling at the rail, some education for ushers may be needed. Oct is Pastor appreciation month; all are encouraged to acknowledge our Pastor. New 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class under

way it will be Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Bethel the Sunday before Thanksgiving at 4 pm, other plans will be made soon.

- III. Stewardship: October 8<sup>th</sup> is Concertation Sunday with pledges made and a brunch between services, this group may need help calling members who haven't responded about attending this event to encourage them to come and pledge.
- IV. Board of Ed; The Board of Ed members helped to get the rooms ready for the new year, 76 kids attended . Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Sunday of Sunday school and there are parents who will be in charge of this program. There will also be some adult Bible study starting this Fall.
- V. Board of Property: There is an independent person who is looking at the plans for our heating and cooling system and will get back to us within a couple of weeks with their assessment of what is needed. Roofing consultant was here and checked out the roof and will get back to us soon. Due to the resignation of our janitor, Jeff Kugel, the board is looking for a replacement.

With no more business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Ginny Buck

Acting Secretary