

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WAHPETON, ND

Planning Council – Minutes

April 11, 2024 – 5:30 PM

- I. Members Present: Carter Hansen, Diane Finnie, Ginny Buck, Larry Bethel, Ryan Hoefs, Steph Beyer, Tricia Kriel, Janine Berg, Pastor Rich, Lisa Bassingthwaite, and Joyce Johnson
- II. Members Absent: None
- III. Devotions: Pastor Rich Presented Devotions and Opening Prayer
- IV. Approval of Minutes – A motion and second was made by Ryan /Ginny to approve the March 14th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Pastor Rich presented a report of his experience thus far at Bethel. His report was positive, but with a lot to learn.
- VI. Monthly Financials – Larry presented the monthly financials. No approval was necessary because they were previously approved by the Executive Committee.
- VII. FFS Capital Campaign and FFS Debt Reduction Update – Joyce presented her report. Larry informed the board that \$35,000 was paid against Principal in March and \$45,000 was used to purchase a CD at Bell Bank.
- VIII. Advertising Service Times and Dates in Local Paper – Pastor Rich read a notice from the Daily News whereby the Church will be charged \$5 per week to advertise our location and service times. Joyce suggested that we put a contribution request in the bulletin and put out a basket for collecting contributions. Lisa volunteered to pay the first month's charge.
- IX. The END Synod Assembly will be held in Fargo the 1st and 2nd of June. An announcement will be put in the bulletin. If any members are interested in attending, they should contact Joyce.
- X. Custodial Coverage Update. Joyce reviewed the current 3-part scenario of current custodial services, this includes the following: Red River Human Services, Fisher Cleaning Services and Bethel Helping Hands. The scenario seems to be working well.
- XI. Stewardship Committee Update- Carter reviewed the change that has been made and how we will proceed moving forward. Pastor Rich will discuss this issue with Sarah Kratcha and report back to the Planning Committee
- XII. Board Orientation – Carter talked about this issue. Carter is putting together a proposal for board orientation. He will be sending it out to the Exec Committee for their review and suggested changes. The proposal will than be submitted to the Planning Committee for their approval.
- XIII. Board Installation - The Planning Committee decided to have board installation take place on April 21st.

XIV. Board Reports

- A. Board of Outreach – Tricia Kriel Reported
- B. Board of Lay – Steph Beyer reported
- C. Board of Education – Janine Berg reported
- D. Board of Properties – Ryan Hoefs reported

XV. With no more business to come before the committee the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Bethel

Secretary