# Bethel Elder Board Meeting Minutes
# Tuesday Nov. 10th, 2026

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| Members | Eric Vande Zande<br>Tim Franklin<br>John Andrson<br>Micheal Simmerman<br>Aaron Will | **Absent** | Matt McCartney |

***Meeting Agenda:***

| Topic | Discussion | Action Items |
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| **Prayer** | | |
| **Finance Update: David Allard** | David Allard gave an update on finances YTD through October. Discussed the importance of pulling interest income out of the office area of the 2027 proposed budget. It was determined this does not merit moving the meeting and changing the budget proposal (we will still present the budget the same at the annual meeting), but will communicate that when its organized in 2027, it will be taken from office, and into another income line.<br><br>We discussed the Capital Expenses Fund. Particularly the need for the elders to set a "minimum savings number." David and the finance team suggest 6 months (50% of budget). Elders will discuss and set at a future date.<br><br>Elders moved to sell the McDonald's stock and hold the proceeds in a money market account until an investment policy is created (see Motion 1).<br><br>Staff Appreciation: David emphasized that it will take time to process it (if we do one), so be aware that paying it out before christmas probably would not be possible if we had it available in December. The elders will talk about the logistics of this later. | Agreed on budget presentation for Annual Meeting.<br>Make an investment policy by year-end. |
| **Set annual meeting** | Set the agenda and assigned sections for the night. | Research numbers for annual meeting. |
| **Discuss elder meetings until year end** | Nov. 24th: prayer meeting only, plus a 15-minute logistical conversation. Dec. 8th: Elder meeting, the last one of the year. | |
| **Mail out for Xmas** | Christmas outreach funding request from Micheal for mailers, postage, Facebook ads, and kids' bags for Christmas (see Motion 2). | Funding approved (see Motions & Votes). |
| **Xmas** | Follow up on Xmas Eve services. Inviters continue to journey with the people they brought. | |
| **Nursery** | Discussed the possibility of paying different volunteers in the kids min interim time. Voted on a one-time gift from the elder designated fund (see Motion 3). | See Motions & Votes. |

## Motions & Votes:

| # | Motion | Moved / Seconded | Vote Result |
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| 1 | Sell the McDonald's stock and put the money in a money market account until the investment policy is created. (Finance Update) | Moved: Micheal / Seconded: John | Unanimous – Passed |
| 2 | Use $2,500 from the elder designated fund for Christmas outreach: mailers, postage, Facebook ads, kids' bags for Christmas. (Mail out for Xmas) | Moved: MS (Micheal Simmerman) / Second not recorded | Unanimous – Passed |
| 3 | One-time $250 thank-you gift from the elder designated fund for use to kids min volunteer. | Moved: Eric vande zande / tim franklin second | 4/1 |

## Upcoming dates to note:

- Sun. Nov. 15th – Annual Meeting (budget presentation)
- Tue. Nov. 24th – Prayer meeting only, plus 15-minute logistical conversation
- Tue. Dec. 8th – Elder meeting, last one of the year