

Bethel Elder Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 10, 2026

Members

Eric Vande Zande

Matt McCartney

John Anderson

Tim Franklin

Aaron Will

Micheal Simmerman

Meeting Agenda:

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Prayer	Began with Prayer	Prayed for elder list individuals and needs Prayed for our wives
Meeting with Cody	Agreed on summer preaching plan: “young heros” for family Sundays and Jonah/Nahum for second half of summer. Then on Acts to kick off the next school year.	MS revise the annual preaching plan
Membership	Discussed membership approval for Dusti Rahrlick, Rick and Deb Ellingson and Tara Larson: Motion to approve: Micheal: Second: Eric: Motion passed: unanimously	JA update Subsplash get new rosters by the end of this week
Membership rosters	Remove members who have not responded over a long period of time. Striving for accurate membership rosters. Next time we will devote an hour for updating membership rosters	TF create a form letter to send out to members.
Lead with prayer Book talk	Discussed chapters 1-3	Read 4-7 for next time
Response team	Don Darrah will run pt. Him and Rick Ellingson want to partner to develop a plan. Rick had given a plan to Don. Discussed appointing Don as “deacon.” Matt will reach out with a job description and get a “for sure yes” from Don before making a motion to appoint.	MS makes a Job description sends it to MM and then MM can get it to Don.
Job Descriptions	Restructure conversation: As elders having discussion around needs- Shifts on the ground updates- Philip is leaving May 1 st	Elders familiarize yourself with JDs
Van Umbrella	Raise it to 40k can tow, 50-60k miles, 3-5 years old. Warranty. Micheal makes motion for \$45k for van and trailer. Tim Seconds: Vote: Unanimous	JA still on the hunt
Extra funds	Discuss Easter budget: 5k motion Micheal: matt 2nds: discuss 5k for Easter Family Fun Night out of 150k donation. Renting inflatables/ carnival games/ mailer/ peachjar/food/signage/ Donuts and coffee for Easter/Assuming we don’t spend it all- Vote: Unanimous	MS talk to Dave about line item and where to code
Staff Salary discussion	Looked at staff persons job description and discussed if raise was possible/needed/necessary for current scope of ministry. Determined current level is appropriate, possible future bonuses could be given.	Tabled for later discussion
Extra funds continued...	MS make a motion: center for biblical living one time gift of \$2,000 from the 150k donation: Eric seconds: Vote: Unanimous Other ideas: Elders research	MS gets check cut for CBL

Corporate prayer topics	Upcoming ministry- Current Events elder responsibility- Text thread for these events. Elders assume responsibility together for the content of corporate prayer in services each week.	Elders please notify when big things happen
Ministry Leader Updates	Matt Reminded Elders to check in with their assigned ministry leads and be ready to share about their areas over the next month of meetings.	All elders check with ministry leaders.
IT team update	Tim is in conversation with someone about being deaconess of this area. Will keep us posted on progress here.	TF follow up to confirm
Geary church plant	Caleb Geary is moving back this summer and desires to plant in Owatonna. Made aware for now, more conversation on how to help and support to come.	