

# Bethel Elder Board Meeting Minutes

## Tuesday April 28th , 2026

**Members**

Eric Vande Zande

Matt McCartney

John Anderson

Tim Franklin

Aaron Will

Micheal Simmerman

***Meeting Agenda:***

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Book discussion	Chapters 8-11 (Lead with Prayer) Discussed 2-3 key ways to improve church culture of prayer	
Membership apps	Approve Danny Larson - Initial motion: Tim Franklin - Second motion: Micheal Simmerman - Vote: Unanimous  Decision was made to add the questions from the interview portion of the membership application, to the initial application. This allows us to capture the answers for further reference down the road.	Update fluro- assign new member to list.  Edit Membership application
Ministry updates	Matt updated us on Don with Response Team. (Currently building policies) Micheal- Finance team update- focused on policies. Michael Johnson and David Allard will meet with Micheal so he can pass on vision for impact fund. Want to be able to communicate by summer. Tim asked about spending for building projects- Different priority plan to spend past approved \$175k. Periodically re-evaluate (Dana coming in next meeting). Welcome team- met with Brenda Hanson. Clarified roles- Move to planning center.	
Philip Exit interview	Tim met with Philip last week. Gave update on feedback Philip gave about transition, team dynamics, and experience on staff team.	MS taking notes on learnings and improvements
Acts sermon series	Do a quick study of Acts, provide insight, guidance on what body should hear by 6-9 meeting Is there a diving board into a mini-series. Money- Knowing how to share the gospel/testimony- Charismatic Gifts-etc	Acts study- pray about themes- sections- what does our body need to get out of the book. important learnings
Leadership development plans	JA still compiling leader development plans.	Compile plans- and present next time.
Retreat schedule	Leave at 4pm. Take church van. Consensus is to do some planning, but main focus will be prayer, relationships, and seeking God together.	JA and MS- Retreat work- planning- proposal- pre-work/ prayer prompts-
Summer plans	Who will inherit the mess- Trusts seminar- wealth transfer- connected to generosity. Ongoing impact fund. Will talk about how to promote and plan for this next time	