

Bethel Elder Board Meeting Minutes

July 14th Tuesday , 2026

Members

☒ Eric Vande Zande

☒ Matt McCartney

☒ John Andrson

☒ Aaron Will

Micheal Simmerman

Tim Franklin

Meeting Agenda:

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Finance update	Dave Allard gives a finance update. \$58,015 Giving over Budget. YTD June 2026. Improve data- know average giving/ automatic/ outliers/ big gifts/ Giving Conversation: projected numbers Research treasury role	Gather Attendance reports from Sundays to add into calculation. Research treasury role: identify an older version of the role in the notebook. Vote on role to the board at next meeting .
Finance discussion	Discussed the giving trends with David Allard and asked questions around giving- David's recommendation of salary increase and potential HRA (Health account- not insurance as a possible benefit) Discussed the 5%, 7%, and 10% budget increases. Continued discussion around giving trends and theological conviction of setting the budget. Instead of a + b= 2027 budget, a being agreed set number, and b being a "special push" it was discussed that a special push may be for another budget item or campaign, but there was hesitancy on the board to have a push tied to hitting budget. The budget number for 2027 was also discussed. The elders present decided just slightly above a 7% increase proposal \$925k to discuss with Micheal and Tim. This was not a vote, but an agreed number to present to Tim and Micheal for the next elder meeting.	Propose \$925k budget to the full board next meeting on July 28th
Motion made	Matt makes a motion for Bethel Signers. John Seconds the motion Motion verbiage: I make a motion that the Admin User for the bank be (can give access, change permissions online) – - Brad Vettrus Operating Account - David Tverberg - Tim Franklin - Aaron Will Watchcare - Chad Wiersma MomCo - Acacia Studer - Natalie Greiner	Vote passes

	American Heritage Girls • Kensi Proehl • Kate Biermaier Vote result: Unanimous.	
Kids Min Update	John gave a kids min update about a current candidate, and the timeline/process of her visit/ 3 rd interview.	
Elder search team	Matt and Aaron met longer after prayer to discuss what the logistics and commitment of being on the elder search team entails.	