

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 14, 2023, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson, President Matt Vanni, Vice-President Terrie Porras, Secretary Joanna Magrane, Treasurer Debbie Villas, Jim Briar, Stacy Hansen, Jeff Hines, Betty Kohrt, Gail Sieglaff, Cindy Smith, Bill Taccolini Excused: Chris Nelson Present to Report: Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo

Call to Order/Agenda Approval: Matt called the meeting to order at 6:02, then called for review and approval of the Agenda. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Jeremy, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led Council in a discussion of Psalm 100.

Secretary's Report: Matt called for review and approval of the Minutes of the May 9, 2023, Council meeting. Stacy made a MOTION to approve the Minutes, SECONDED by Betty, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed the Financial Reports and noted that the elevator was recently repaired at a cost of \$3,475, which was paid from the dedicated checking account to lessen the budget impact. It was noted that the required 3-year elevator maintenance is due this year and is expected to cost about \$3,000. Matt will call Otis to request an itemization of the repair charges and determine if the 3-year maintenance is still necessary, or if there is any overlap of the services performed during the repair and those to be performed during routine maintenance that might reduce the cost.

Debbie also reported that \$200,000 has been transferred from the Mission Investment Fund into an account where it is now earning 5% interest. The money remaining in the MIF continues to earn 2 ½ % interest.

Debbie presented the Finance Committee Report as written.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Meatball Supper: A decision must be made soon as to whether to hold the meatball supper this Fall. A request for volunteers and input is currently in the newsletter and bulletin, and will continue to run at least one more week. A binder with helpful information is available for the person(s) who volunteers to take the lead.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Monthly Service Project: Council would like to move forward with plans to implement several community service projects each year, perhaps on a monthly basis. It was noted that the Outreach Committee currently oversees several donation drives throughout the year, as well as Easter and Christmas projects, and it may be best for Council to focus its efforts on those months in which there is no scheduled Outreach project, namely February, June, and July. Many community needs were identified and three potential projects were selected for further consideration. Gail, Betty, and Stacy will reach out to Abundant Life Shelter, Rainbow House, and CASA respectively to find out what in particular they may need and how we can best be of service to them.

God's Work/Our Hands: The service projects noted above were also discussed as potential projects for God's Work/Our Hands Sunday, usually held in conjunction with the Rally Day picnic in September. A final decision will be made when more information is available.

Review of Independent Contracts: Council has been advised that certain people who regularly perform paid services to Emmanuel should sign Independent Contractor Agreements in order to clarify and put in writing that they're independent contractors and not employees of Emmanuel. Matt presented the Independent Contractor Agreement signed by our organist, Barb Hay, for Council approval. Bill made a MOTION to approve Barb's ICA, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED. Independent Contractor Agreements have also been prepared for musicians John Wills and Marilyn Schoen, which were presented for Council review and approval. Stacy made a MOTION to approve those Independent Contractor Agreements, SECONDED by Jeremy, MOTION CARRIED. An ICA will also be prepared for our Choir Director, Linda Davis.

Council Break: Council agreed that no Council Meeting will be held in July.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her Report as written.

President's Report: Matt recommended that we communicate by e-mail over the next few months if necessary, since there will be no meeting in July.

Youth Committee (Little Lutherans): Stacy reported that there was a great turnout for the Sunday School end-of-the-year party in May. The party was held at Water Tower Park and the children enjoyed the playground and many fun activities.

Learning Committee: Did not meet. (Bill)

Endowment Committee: Did not meet. (Jeff)

Fellowship Committee: Did not meet. (Terrie)

Human Resources Committee: Did not meet.

Memorial Committee: Cindy reported that the Committee met on 5/16 and voted to purchase a picnic table umbrella. The Memorial Book is now up-to-date and lists items purchased with donated money.

Outreach Committee: Gail will be handing out gifts to men on Father's Day.

Policy & Procedure Committee: Did not meet.

Property Committee: Jeremy reported that the emergency light in the Fellowship Hall is fixed, and a back-up battery has been purchased.

The Committee is still waiting on the contractor to do the chimney repairs. We may have to go with someone else to get it done before winter.

Jeremy also noted that there have been complaints about our grass turning brown. Pastor Christine will write something up for the newsletter to explain why we opted not to use the sprinklers this summer.

Stewardship Committee: Did not meet. (Jeff)

Worship Committee: Did not meet (Pastor Christine)

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Christine reported that almost everyone whom she asked to serve on the Faithful Innovations Team said yes. Eight people, including Pastor, will be attending the training at Fortune Lake on June 17th. Six others are unable to attend but want to be part of the team.

Outdoor services will be held on the 4th Sundays of June, July, and August. These are not Communion Sundays.

Rev. Cheryl Johnson has requested that we assist her in collecting children's books for her congregation's mission project.

Pastor Christine passed out booklets to Council members entitled *Mission Stories of the Northern Great Lakes Synod*.

Summer Bible Studies are going well. The Revelation study has met twice, with 8 people attending. Fourteen people have signed up for the study of Grace by Max Lucado, which will begin next week.

Ten people have volunteered so far to serve on the Visitation Team.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

No Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:52, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary