

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2024, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Terrie Porras; VP Jim Briar; Secretary Joanna Magrane; Bill Taccolini; Gail Sieglaff; Cindy Smith; Jeff Hines; Jeremy Sallgren; Eileen Beyer; Holly Bayerl; Brianna Camps Excused: VP Chris Nelson; Treasurer Debbie Villas; Emily Lenca Present to Report: Patti Treptow; Judy Raygo

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda: Terrie called the meeting to order at 6:00 then called for review and approval of the Agenda. Jeremy made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Bill, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led a discussion of 1 Corinthians 11:17-33.

Secretary's Report: Terrie called for review and approval of the Minutes of the February 13, 2024, Council Meeting. No corrections were noted, and Council accepted and filed the Minutes.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report: In Debbie's absence, Jeff reported that the Finance Committee did not meet. Jeff reviewed the financial reports in detail. It was noted that the Mission Investment Fund report was inadvertently omitted from Council's packet. Council accepted and filed the Treasurer's Report.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Fundraisers: A pancake supper fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for April 27, 2024. Holly volunteered to lead the event along with her husband, Jeff Bayerl.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Summer Worship Time: Council decided to begin the summer schedule of one 9:00 am Service beginning on May 26, 2024, and continuing through September 1st.

Summer Outdoor Worship: Council members were asked to consider whether to have one or two outdoor Services per month this summer. A decision will be made at our next meeting.

Rally Day Picnic Date: The Rally Day Picnic will be held on September 8, 2024. There will be an 8:00 Service at Emmanuel and an outdoor Service at 10:00 at Henes Park followed by the picnic. Patti will reserve the shelter at Henes.

Council Picnic: Terrie and her husband, James, will host a picnic/potluck for Council members and their families on August 2, 2024, from 5-8 pm at their home.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written. She also informed Council that she had recently been made aware of an event to be held at the Marinette Rec Center on March 21st called Community Connection Days. Holly and Joanna volunteered to assist Patti in representing Emmanuel at the event.

President's Report: Terrie asked that any corrections to the Council or committee rosters be emailed to her. She reported that the Faithful Innovations team recently attended a Menominee City Council meeting. They learned that the mayor is planning to form a faith-based committee, and the team will be following up on that. Terrie also thanked Council members for their prayers following James' recent hospitalization.

Youth (Little Lutherans): Holly reported that the committee is planning an Easter Egg Hunt to be held indoors after church on Palm Sunday.

Learning: (Bill) Did not meet.

Endowment: (Jeff) Did not meet.

Fellowship: Joanna reported that the committee did not meet in person, but confirmed, via text, plans for the next Bunco night to be held on March 14th. The committee will also be hosting a crafting event with CJ's Glass on April 25th.

Human Resources: (Joanna) Did not meet.

Memorial: (Cindy) Did not meet.

Outreach: Joanna reported that the committee is planning several Spring projects including Easter baskets for 19 shut-ins, Mother's and Father's Day gifts for our members, and gifting Emmanuel's high school graduates with the Lutheran Book of Prayer on Graduate Sunday. The committee also conducted its annual review of the Outreach Committee Description.

Policy & Procedure: Joanna reported that the committee reviewed the information given to Council members when they begin their terms and noted that there are a few additional documents that should be included, such as the Policy & Procedures Review Committee Description of Duties. Also, the name of the "Personnel Committee" should be corrected to "Human Resources Committee". Committee Chair Jim Zobel met with the Property Committee to discuss Emmanuel's Facilities Emergency Action Plan, which will be posted in a conspicuous location in the Church. Lastly, Joanna read Jim

Zobel's letter to Pastor Christine and the Council dated February 29, 2024, in which he resigned his membership on both the Policy & Procedure Review Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

Property: Jim reported that Mr. Zobel conducted the annual Property Committee Description review. The committee discussed how church property is valued for insurance purposes and whether a policy for establishing the value of church assets is needed before renewing Emmanuel's insurance policy.

Stewardship: (Jeff) Did not meet.

Worship: Brianna reported that palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday and that committee members will meet on March 30th to prepare the Sanctuary for Easter worship. They will take the lilies down after the 10:00 Service on April 7th.

Visitation Team: (Pastor Christine)

Vision Team (Faithful Innovations): Pastor Christine reported that, as noted by Terrie in her report, the team recently attended a City Council meeting. Team members also continue to have discussions with members regarding their faith stories.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine presented her report as written.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

Develop our Church Vision: Pastor Christine requested that Council members read and reflect on the excerpt from Emmanuel's Constitution that she distributed last month for discussion at the April meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Gail made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Bill, MOTION CARRIED. Terrie adjourned the meeting at 7:40. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary

