

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2024, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

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

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: The meeting was called to order at 6:00. Pastor Christine requested that the following items be added to the Agenda: Creation Sings Workshop and Meatball Supper. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Agenda as amended, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led a discussion of Acts 8:26-40.

Secretary's Report: Terrie called for review and approval of the June 11, 2024, Minutes. No errors were noted. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Minutes, SECONDED by Chris, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's & Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed the financial reports. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Church Pictorial Directory: Tabled until next month

God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Date, Activity: After discussion, Council decided on two GWOH/Fall service projects. Emmanuel will participate as a group in the Feeding America food distribution at the YMCA on September 19th and we will also collect bedding and other needed items for the Abundant Life shelter. Debbie will confirm with Feeding America and put out a sign up sheet.

Finance-Parking Lot Seal Coating Bid: Jim reported that the seal coating has been completed and paid for.

Rally Day Picnic-Sunday, 9/8/2024: Final plans were discussed for the upcoming Rally Day Picnic.

Fundraisers: Tabled until next month

Contemporary Service: Pastor Christine has put together a survey sheet which she will put out in September.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Air Conditioner/s: Jim reported that there are 2 broken air conditioners, one in the Sanctuary and one in the office wing, that will need to be replaced. After discussion, Council decided to wait until next year to replace the units, given that air conditioning technology is currently in transition and more information is needed before purchasing new units. This item was tabled until March and the Property Committee was asked to provide more information on upcoming changes and get new bids at that time.

Online Giving: Council discussed our current online giving tool (Vanco) and possibly upgrading to a more modern payment option. Debbie will contact the bank for further information.

Gift to Jim Duering's Retirement: After discussion, and in response to a letter from the Treasurer of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Cindy made a MOTION to contribute \$150 toward Rev. Jim Duehring's retirement gift, SECONDED by Joanna, MOTION CARRIED.

Creation Sings Workshop: Pastor Christine reported that the Synod has asked Emmanuel to host a Congregational Resource Fair on October 12th. As the host, Emmanuel will provide its Sanctuary for the Creation Sings Workshop and Festival Worship and rooms for additional workshops, serve morning coffee with snacks, and make lunch arrangements for the participants.

Meatball Supper: Joanna made a MOTION to approve October 17, 2024, as the date of the Meatball Supper, SECONDED by Bill, MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written, noting one correction. Yoga classes will begin September 10th, rather than September 3rd.

President's Report: Terrie gave a brief oral report.

Committee Reports:

The following committees gave reports to Council:

Fellowship: Terrie reported that Bunco and coffee hour will be returning in September. Bunco will be held on September 19th and will include a service project coordinated with God's Work Our Hands.

Human Resources/Policy & Procedure: Joanna reported that both committees are in need of Chairs and new members. After discussion, Cindy made a MOTION to appoint Bill Taccolini to both committees, SECONDED by Eileen, MOTION CARRIED.

Property: Jim reported that two fire sprinkler inspection bids have been received. After discussion, Council decided to table bid approval until next month because further information is needed regarding prior inspections and inspection regulations.

No other committees reported.

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

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

Not discussed

ADJOURNMENT

Bill made a MOTION to adjourn, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED.
Terrie adjourned the meeting at 8:00. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Magrane

Council Secretary