

**Immanuel Church Council Meeting**  
**August 15th, 2023**

Present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Jennifer Dean, Lang Jacobson, Ryan Stilp, Sue Waits, Sandy LaValley, Becky Ivey

Absent: Bill Schwengel, Mia Evergreen, Dave Schaffer. Graduated - Molly LaRusso, Campbell Dean.

Jennifer led a wonderful devotion.

Prior meeting minutes were approved by email.

Thank you notes: Kim for painting, Andy and Alyssa for work with the youth, Grace Olson for her work at Immanuel, Tammie and Praise in the Park Team

**New Business:**

1) Outdoor equipment: Trust fund approved a grant for outdoor recreational equipment including basketball hoop and gaga ball pit. Kieran Tarpenting is planning on making the gaga pit part of his Eagle Scout project. Sue moved to approve going forward with utilizing the trust fund money for the outdoor recreational equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Youth representatives for Council: Campbell and Molly graduated. A few individuals mentioned to reach out to as possibilities for new youth representatives. Shared role discussed. Importance of youth voice discussed.

3) Mission: Council will plan to have October's meeting (October 17th) be a strategy/experience planning session at an outside venue. Reports will be reviewed electronically ahead of time. This session will be centered around the youth experience with help from "3 Big Questions..." book Council is reading.

4) Offering Counters: Volunteers were accepted, see share drive or agenda for assignments

5) Devotions: Volunteers were accepted, see share drive or agenda for assignments.

6) Becky Carter and Sarah Aiken-Felling are working to re-energize the RIC team. Common meeting time pending.

**Old Business**

1) Staff Connection: Council members will check in ad hoc with assigned staff members.

2) Stewardship Plan for Fall: Giving is up. Last year's stewardship work included highlighting different missions that are supported by giving, multiple talks during services given by Council members prior to estimate of giving Sunday.

3) Book discussion: Council reading "3 Big Questions That Change Every Teenager" together. Discussed first 3 chapters. Pat II to be discussed at next meeting.

#### Reports

-Pastor report will be available on share drive

-Property report on share drive. Kim did much painting over the summer. Playground equipment as above.

No cemetery committee meeting since last council meeting.

-Finance report on share drive. We are approximately 2K in the positive as of July.

-Green Team will have a BBQ/meeting August 30.

Becky Ivey moved to accept the reports, Ryan seconded, motioned passed unanimously.

Becky Ivey moved to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel.