

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes September 19, 2023

Council Members: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Becky Ivey, Lang Jacobson, Sandra LaValley, Bill Schwengel, Ryan Stilp, Sue Waits

Absent: Jennifer Dean, Mia Evergreen, Dave Schaffer

Opening Prayer

Thank you notes : Bill Schwengel for extra watering at the cemetery on member's grave

August Minutes : Minutes were sent via email, after brief review, motion to approve August minutes as written made by Sandy and seconded by Sue. Motion passed.

New Business

- 1) Proposal to add an OWL (hybrid meeting camera) to the community room for H3 and other groups. The lay school is buying the cameras with the help of the Immanuel Trust Fund and has offered to have one stay at Immanuel. It requires a TV to run, one has been donated and mounting it for use requires changes to the wall in that room. Some discussion of donated TV age and mounting equipment. Lang moved that we approve adding the OWL to the community room and accept donation of TV, Ryan seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

- 1) Staff Connection Goal: Caring Ministry position is still vacant, Dee and Jamie are managing on a limited basis. Discussed advertisement of position, history of how the role has changed over the years and misconceptions in the congregation about what the role is now, possibility of different structure for eucharistic ministry with quarterly meetings; Pastor Jamie and Sue to organize meeting of eucharistic ministers this fall to discuss further
- 2) Change of venue for October meeting - plan to meet at the Brewing Project back room if available to do a vision/mission brainstorming meeting
- 3) Stewardship plan for fall: Will follow same general plan as last year, need volunteers to sign up to give a short talk about a ministry and generosity, use sign up in this month's folder.

Reports

- 1) Pastor: Animal blessing on Oct 4th Wednesday to help with community across church, have record confirmation numbers
- 2) Property: Side door, got a pretty high bid on cost for replacement, great work day at cemetery, looking at a work day in November to handle fall leaves, maybe replacing grass with native plants, converting front lights to LED (check details), have front walkway fixed maybe yet this fall or wait until spring, Eagle scout Gaga pit project with minimal cost, radon is good in preschool. Possible that the trust fund would cover the door
- 3) Cemetery: taking turns with maintenance, we covered GWOH
- 4) Finance: still ahead of budget on revenue
- 5) Green Team: Will now be meeting 3rd Sunday of the month during coffee hour, new 3-compartment trash can with Thrivent grant + bags, possible scrap metal collection in spring, sustainable coffee options, Sue recommends book Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard by Douglas Tallamy; he will be speaking at Chippewa Valley Book Festival and the book is the public library's One Book, One Community, may have a discussion here at Immanuel.

Lang moved and Sandy seconded to approve all the reports. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Sandy moved to adjourn, Sue seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm and we moved into discussion of Book Study - The Big Three - Discussion of Part II: Who Am I? (Chapters 4 and 5). We will read and discuss the next section (Part III: Where do I fit? Chapters 6&7) at our October meeting.