

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes - January 17th, 2023

Council Members Present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Jennifer Dean, Olympia Evergreen, Becky Ivey, Lang Jacobson, Bill Schwengel, Ryan Stilp, Sue Waits, and Bob Wilcox

Council Members Absent: Sandra LaValley, Molly LoRusso, and Campbell Dean

Gathering and Devotion by Jennifer - Jennifer shared a reading based on reflections to use as a guide on how to put Christ in the forefront as we start the new year. Some of the ideas include increasing time spent in prayer and connections to the foundations of our Christianity.

Thank you notes

- Council extends their thanks to Kim & Suzi for their additional time and support of recent special events at church, such as the pastors meeting.
- AMPARO meeting -

New Business

New budget rough draft for 2023 - Casper Haas joined the meeting to share information for the 2023 proposed budget.

- In a review of the year-end financials, it shows the church is roughly on budget for expenses for 2022 and down in projected revenue leading to an operating loss for 2022.
- The 2023 proposed budget shows a loss of \$14,000 for the year based on the end of 2022 financials. Casper reviewed key elements of the budget allowing for questions or clarifications as needed.
- Casper shared with Council the one page budget that is ready to be presented at the annual meeting.
- Lang moves to recommend the 2023 budget as prepared by the finance committee to the congregation at the annual meeting. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2022 Highlights/Hopes for 2023 - Jennifer shared with and discussed with Council some of the highlights from the previous year as well as missions and activities at Immanuel for which we are looking ahead to in 2023.

New council member needed for trust fund committee - A new council member will be needed for the trust fund committee. This board gives to organizations within our world, community, and church which align with the mission of the trust fund. Grants for special projects or needs are written and submitted for the trust fund committee to review quarterly. Ryan Stilp has volunteered to join the trust fund committee on behalf of the council.

Sign up for Offering Counters and Devotions - listed at the end of the minutes

Old Business

Staff Connection Goal - Council will continue to reach out to designated staff members to keep connections and supports in place during 2023.

- Who is on Council? – An addition to the Immanuel webpage will soon share photos of our Council members after the addition of any new council members in February.

Reports - review prior to meeting

-Pastor - Pastor shared a few highlights from the report, such as a review of December's services and upcoming gatherings for youth conferences and other events such as a ministry fair scheduled for Feb 19th following worship.

-Property - One highlight has been the increased need for snow removal this winter.

-Cemetery - The board is working on plans to address the city's special assessments for curb and gutter related to the street work completed near the cemetery in 2022.

-Finance - Reviewed earlier in relation to the proposed budget.

-Green Team -

Lang moves to approve all reports. Becky C. seconds the motion and the motion to approve all reports passes unanimously.

Minutes

Review and vote on December minutes

One revision to the December minutes was made to clarify language related to the cemetery report discussion.

Bill moves to accept the December minutes as amended. The motion is seconded by Ryan and approved unanimously.

Annual Meeting:

Feb 12th is Immanuel's annual meeting. The meeting will be led by Jennifer with minutes taken by Sandy.

Closing Prayer - Pastor led us in closing prayer.

Adjournment

Becky I. moves to adjourn the meeting, Sue seconds the motion, and Council approved unanimously.

Offering Counters 2023

January — Sandy

February —Becky I.

March —Becky C.

April —Lang

May — Ryan

June —

July —

August —

September —

October —

November — Sue

December —Bill

Devotions 2023

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00