

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 11, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Carol Christianson, Judy Vollbrecht, Dick Vollbrecht, Russel Salter, Mary Fairbank, Pat Grams, Diane Fenendael

Unable to attend: Susie Krohn, Verlyn Rebelein, Rose Kramer

CALL TO ORDER: 3:47 p.m. by Judy Vollbrecht

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Carol reflected on remembering the events of 9/11. She called to mind scripture. Proverbs 3:5-6 which tell us that when troubles come, we should always look to the Lord. Prayer by Pastor Carol.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve Agenda by Mary Fairbank; Second, Dick Vollbrecht; Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2023 by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Carol reported that things are going very well. She has worked on forms for guidelines for funerals. Copies were given to Council Members for review. Ultimately, we would have copies put in the Narthex. Pastor Carol received a copy of safety procedures that could be adapted to our church.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The September outing was in Cedarburg. There were 10 people who attended. We went to Wisconsin's Largest Quilt Museum, walked through some shops in The Mill building, then ate at the Cream and Crepes Cafe. We ended up at Amy's Candy Kitchen.

Buying banners for the church using money from the Memorial Fund in memory of those who have passed will be done soon.

Discussion on getting a credit card for the church. Cost would be \$28 per card. Susie Krohn is looking into it. Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to get a credit card for Emanuel and that Susie Krohn be responsible for the credit card; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

A group was put together to review and make updates (if needed) to the Emanuel Church Constitution to reflect today's needs. Those who volunteered are Dick Vollbrecht, Verlyn Rebelein, Rose Kramer, Russel Salter, and Pastor Carol Christianson.

Judy Vollbrecht will talk to Renee Theyerl regarding what may be needed for the Closet of Care.

The group for the 150th anniversary met July 18th to get started. Judy Vollbrecht called Eden Catering to set the date of May 5, 2024 with them. Need to order the banner for the front of the church and add "Save the Date" on Emanuel's website and Facebook page. Lots to plan!

The Dyson vacuum was purchased with a rebate for the appliances in the parsonage. It's fabulous!

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's reports for July and August, 2023 were distributed. Motion made by Dick Vollbrecht to approve treasurer reports; Second, Pat Grams; Motion approved.

Judy Vollbrecht said that Susie Krohn had reported to her that the yearly service contract with Brewer Heating will go up to \$920. Brewer handles all service aspects of heating and air conditioning for the parsonage and the church. Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to continue our service contract with Brewer at the \$920 yearly amount; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

LEARNING/YOUTH: Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL: As Verlyn Rebelein was unable to attend, there was no report.

PROPERTY:

Parsonage: Dick Vollbrecht (Russel Salter) reported they are continuing to work on the parking lot. Hopp's Painting finished painting the parsonage and garage in early August. We repaired the front steps and had the front steps and sun porch painted. The back steps and porch are in the process of seal coating the treated wood. The back door and front sun porch storm door need to be replaced. Dick Vollbrecht will have to find someone to replace them. Will be putting a dead bolt on a door by the sun porch.

Church: Arrow-Lift came to install the hydraulic hose and the five year test. The ring security items need to be installed yet. We need to find someone to do the church snow removal. JP Tank is no longer doing snow removal. Russel Salter will check with Country Touch regarding snow removal. We replaced water stained ceiling tiles in the education center and have to buy four more tiles to replace in the office. Ron Theyerl is still working to get the steeple painted.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP: Choir started September 10, 2023. Selection of hymns for the next three months will take place soon.

Pastor Carol will contact Pastor John at Bethel Reformed Church regarding a Thanksgiving service.

Pastor Carol had suggestions for possible activities during Advent season. 1. Lessons and Carols with scripture readings and seasonal music. Meeting once a week (perhaps Wednesdays) during Advent with church members and perhaps invite the community. 2. Prayer partners for Advent. Pray for that person during the Advent season.

EVENTS/FUND RAISING: Chili Drive-Thru event will be held October 29, 2023. Mary Fairbank got the last of the material for blankets. A note will be put in the bulletin when blankets are to be made. Discussion started regarding adding a bake sale to the Cookie and Candy sale in December.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Security: Ring needs to be installed yet. Pastor Carol received a copy of church security procedures that could be adapted to Emanuel.

Preparation for 150th Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church: See President's Report

Need to Update Constitution: See President's Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Find Someone for Snow Removal: Russel Salter will contact Country Touch.

Credit Card for Church: See treasurer's report.

Banners: See President's Report

Fund Raiser for Eric Mulder with Bethel and our church. A dinner has been suggested by Pastor John. There will be further discussion.

Chili Supper: See Events/Fund Raising report.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

PRAYER BY PASTOR CAROL

LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 2, 2012, 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary