

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 11, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Fairbank, Susan Krohn, Tom Rivers, Marlene Connell, Diane Fenendael

CALL TO ORDER: 1:56 p.m. by Mary Fairbank

DEVOTIONS: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Additions were made to the agenda. Motion to approve Agenda by Tom Rivers; Second, Marlene Connell; Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2024 by Mary Fairbank; Second, Susie Krohn; Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sunday, November 17, 2024, Pastor Dara Clifford from East Central Synod of Wisconsin will be here to talk about “Holy Transformation” and “Searching for a Pastor”. Coffee and goodies will be served by Charlene Strook and Mary Fairbank.

Christmas Bake Sale to be held on December 14. Posters are ready. Even dollars will be used for pricing. Mary has Christmas plates to use for packaging. Packing and pricing to be done on December 13.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susie Krohn mentioned these items: Memorial fund has been added to the report. Chili proceeds are listed. Savings and Memorial had no activity. Webster's bought back \$600 of their Scrip cards (selling price less discount rebates). Susie will call Hy-Vee to see if they participate in Scrip. She has had a couple requests for Christmas gift cards.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Mary Fairbank; Second, Marlene Connell; Motion approved.

MEMORIAL: Memorial balance remains at \$1,910.42. Darrell Rahn asked that Nancy's memorial of \$1,075.00 (money first came in June 2022) be used toward the Emanuel sound system.

PROPERTY: Tom Rivers will continue to work on the following. Church: Women's bathroom door needs to be planed down; downspouts repair and up for snow removal; Tom will ask Ron Theyerl's help with list of breakers and lights out over pulpit and entry; Thermostat in office needs to be replaced (Tom will replace after council meeting). Parsonage: Needs to be sprayed for bugs (Mary Fairbank left Ortho for Tom to use); Cover over exhaust fan needs screen.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP: No report.

EVENTS/FUND RAISING: See President's Report regarding Christmas Bake Sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chili Festival proceeds – \$2,030.26 (\$700 of this total was from donations). After discussion on how much and where to donate a portion of these proceeds, Susie Krohn made a motion to donate \$200 to Brandon Food Pantry and \$200 to the Salvation Army (Fond du Lac); Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.
2. Parsonage cleaning – Will be done after the new kitchen flooring has been installed. Garage cleanout – Garage to be left open for congregation to go through and choose anything they may want to take. Then the plan is to donate what is usable and get rid of what is left.
3. Fill candles with oil – Mary Fairbank will contact Verlyn Rebelein to see if he wishes to continue filling the candles.
4. Cleaning the church – Marlene Connell opened discussion on the sign up sheet for cleaning. Should it be done by month or broken down by areas. Once a month for some areas is enough. Garbage does not need to be emptied if it's only one-third full.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Candles – Battery operated for Christmas Eve. Some discussion on replacing candles with battery operated candles. There are churches in Oshkosh who still use oil and maybe they could take any oil that we have left. No final decision made on this and there will be further discussion.
2. Thermostats (Covers and/or limiting those who can change the temperature) – Suggestion was made to program thermostats at 70 degrees to start at 8:00 a.m. and shut off at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Kitchen thermostat set at 9:00 a.m. and shut off at noon. Fans should be on low speed and no higher than second.
3. Sound system update – Susie Krohn sent \$7,500 check as down payment to Hull.
4. Parsonage Kitchen Flooring – Renee Theyerl chose three samples from Surface & Surroundings in Ripon. She indicated her first choice out of these three to the Council. Council agreed. Renee will contact Surface & Surroundings regarding this choice.
5. Parsonage has to be checked frequently for heating issues, water leaks, etc. Mary Fairbank volunteered to check once a week. Tom Rivers will check when needed and he will also check with Brewer Heating as regards radiator heat. These checks on the parsonage can be done after church service and oftener when it's really cold.
6. Mailing to members – After discussion, it was decided to mail Christmas cards to all members.
7. Decorating the Church for Christmas will take place on November 30th at 10:00 a.m. This will be put in the bulletin.
8. Budget Meeting with proposals for 2025 was held.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. by Tom Rivers; Second, Susie Krohn; Motion approved.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, December 2, 2024 at **2:00 p.m.**

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary