

Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mary Fairbank.

All council members were present: Mary Fairbank, Marlene Connell, Susie Krohn, Tammy Briskie and Tom Rivers.

Devotions were read by Marlene Connell.

Wanda Sanders was in attendance to update us on research of updating the Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions. Council was pleased with what she has done. She will continue to work on this project. Wanda then left the meeting.

Mary Fairbank made a motion to approve the agenda, Tom Rivers seconded. Motion carried.

Susie Krohn made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from April 7, 2025, Marlene Connell seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report: Mary Fairbank reported that Ryan Redmann donated all product that we used for our fundraiser at the Brandon Brat Stand.

Treasurer's Report: Council reviewed the Treasurer's Report. With no questions being asked Tammy Briskie made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mary Fairbank seconded. Motion carried.

The balance of the Memorial Fund is \$835.83.

Property Report: Tom Rivers is working on repairing the kitchen light. Tom is also working on creating a list for the breakers and looking into getting information to repair the leaks in the stained glass windows.

Stewardship/Witness/Worship: No Report

Events/Fundraising: The Strawberry Festival will be published in the utility bills sent to the village residents.

Discussion took place to tie up the details for the Strawberry Festival, date confirmed for June 22, 2025.

Old Business:

1). Council has decided to make an offer to Justin Bush, the renter of the parsonage, to take care of the lawn mowing this year. He will be offered \$30.00 per lawn mowing (to include trimming). He will be required to document each time he mows and turn that in to be paid.'

2.) Tom Rivers will make some inquiries about repairing our lawn.

3). Marlene Connell made a motion to have Susie Krohn work with Ann K. to set up Software on the new computer. Susie found and we will go forward with Microsoft 365 Business Standard at Nonprofit Staff Pricing, which is \$3.00 a month, paying a full year at once. Motion also is for Ann K. to purchase a carry case for the new computer/laptop. Mary seconded the motion and motion carried.

4). Mary Fairbank is working on setting up a meeting with the people from the Rosendale Lutheran church to visit with them and see what their journey has looked like and where they are at right now.

5). Mary Fairbank will talk with Gary Lawson regarding making the extra parking space(s).

6). Susie Krohn found the best price and has purchased the vacuum for the church use.

7). Tammy Briskie will follow up with Gaynell Vande Berg regarding her possibly helping out with playing piano for services.

8). Council is waiting to receive the updated version of the Ministry Site Profile.

New Business;

1). There was discussion about when, how or if we will pay pianists for services. Decision was not made. We will discuss with Roberta R. to find out her feeling about it.

2). Discussion was had regarding unlocking and locking (turning on lights) church on Sunday for Services. We will also talk with Wayne H. (custodian) to see if he would be able to rotate in and help with this task.

3). We had a deadline to get our order in for Sunday & Seasons, after discussion we made the decision to have Ann K. order the Standard edition.

4). Our fundraiser at the Brandon Brat Stand was a great success.

The Brat Stand made \$3534.70 and the Bake Sale made \$989.50. Total of \$4524.20.

Marlene Connell made a motion to make a \$500.00 donation to the tornado victims in Mayville and Juneau WI., Tammy Briskie seconded. Motion carried.

5). Council will be having a Congregational conversation on May 25, 2025 following Service. The conversation purpose is to get some opinions and feedback from the congregation about

how they would like to move forward as a church. We are hoping to have these conversations on a monthly basis.

6). Council would like to get feedback from the congregation about the concept of moving forward with a SAM for our church. Is this something we are interested in doing?

Marlene Connell made a motion to adjourn, Mary Fairbank seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting concluded with the Council reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be June 9, 2025 at 5 p.m.