

## **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 9, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dick Vollbrecht, Susie Krohn, Mary Fairbank, Tom Rivers, Marlene Connell, Diane Fenendael; Guest: Verlyn Rebelein

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 p.m. by Dick Vollbrecht

Verlyn Rebelein briefly attended the meeting to give an update on the lawn issue. It's not clear if the product purchased at Insight FS was tainted. Darrell Rahn told Verlyn that he has picked up grass seed and will plant it, roll, fertilize and water it. Tom Rivers will offer assistance to Darrell.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes from August 1, 2024 by Susie Krohn; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** No report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** See New Business

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report for August 2024 was distributed. Susie Krohn reported that she is adding Amazon to the Scrip gift card order.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Marlene Connell; Second, Dick Vollbrecht; Motion approved.

**MEMORIAL:** Memorial balance remains at \$1,910.18.

**PROPERTY:** No report

**STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP:** No report.

**EVENTS/FUND RAISING:** See under New Business

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Pastoral Supply – Filled through December. Peg Salmela will preach.
2. Lay Ministry – Lay Ministry will be used as needed with Verlyn Rebelein as coordinator.
3. Organist – Filled through November.
4. Orkin – Susie Krohn suggested canceling Orkin now. Mary Fairbank will call to cancel.
5. Sealing the Parking Lot – Tom Rivers reported this will not be done this year.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Parsonage Rental – Dick Vollbrecht distributed a sample of a Wisconsin rental agreement taken from the internet. Rent to be in the \$1,250 - \$1,400 range. There will be further discussion.
2. Chili Event Change – Dine-In or Carry-Out. Sunday, October 13, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers in the church entryway. Free Will Offering for Dine-In. Take-out Charge will be \$9.00 for one Quart of chili plus two desserts. Mary Fairbank indicated that 10 Nescos of chili will be made.
3. Sound System – Hull Audio & Video is coming on Thursday, September 12, to go through the church sound system.
4. Train people on church operations – Dick Vollbrecht will train some people on working thermostats, fans, and switches on Thursday, September 12. Also a good time to train others on the sound system while Hull is here. Suggestion made that ushers could take care of opening the church, and make sure that lights, fans, and switches are off at the end of services.
5. Janitor Volunteers – Susie Krohn suggested having volunteers work on different sections rather than having to do the whole church. Sign-up sheet will be available in the entryway.
6. There will be a Special Council Meeting with Pastor Asher and Pastor Dara from the Synod to be held on September 16.
7. Candidates for church council members – to be discussed at a later date.
8. Budget meeting will be held on November 11.
9. Susie Krohn suggested that Council meetings start at 2:00 p.m. during the winter months. Members of Council agreed. This will start at the November meeting.
10. Snow Removal – We have two proposals for snow removal (Country Touch Lawn Care and Integrity). Mary Fairbank will contact Stuart Landscaping for a third quote. Decision to be made after the third quote is received.
11. Dick Vollbrecht and Tom Rivers will check the office thermostat on Thursday, September 12.
12. Stained Glass Windows – Tom Rivers will see if they need to be checked and will act accordingly.
13. Side doors in the entry need to have the tension loosened.
14. Lois Lawson asked where the brass vases that were given in memory of Charlie might be. That will be checked into and we will let Lois know.

Dick Vollbrecht has stepped down from Emanuel Lutheran Church Council effective immediately. Pertinent files were given to Mary Fairbank, who will be acting President of the Emanuel Lutheran Church Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Tom Rivers; Motion approved.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH PASTOR ASHER AND PASTOR DARA:**  
Monday, September 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, October 7, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary