

Emanuel Luthern Church Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7, 2025

Members Present: Mary Fairbank, Susie Krohn, Marlene Connell, Tammy Briskie, Tom Rivers

Call to Order: 5:01 by Mary Fairbank

Devotions: Marlene Connell read a devotion to the council.

The Call Committee was present at the meeting to present their Ministry Site Profile to the Council.

The Council and Call Committee went through the Profile. A few items were adjusted and much discussion took place. The Council discussed the Profile and what the next step(s) should be. After the visit of Pastor Asher O'Callaghan on May 4, 2025 the Council will make some decisions and then present those thoughts and decisions to the congregation.

Approval of the Minutes of last meeting: Marlene Connell made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of March 3, 2025, Susie Krohn seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report: The parsonage has been rented with a one year lease. The tenants are Justin Bush and Anna Grimes.

Mary Fairbank will have the banner advertising for our Fundraiser at the Brandon Brat Stand put up on the church yard. Again the dates for this event are May 9 & 10, 2025.

Treasurer's Report: Susie Krohn reported that the church has had the Worker's Comp audit. She reported it went well and we are expected a return of \$616.00.

The Memorial Fund current balance is \$835.83.

Tammy Briskie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Marlene Connell seconded. Motion carried.

Property Report: The local Fire Inspection was conducted on the church. The report was good - no violations. Tom Rivers will take care of getting the fire extinguishers the inspection that is required.

Stewardship/Witness/Worship Report: No Report

Events/Fundraising Report: The fundraising event at the Brandon Brat Stand will be put into the utility bill mailings to let the community know. Sign up sheets for the event have been put out. Volunteers will be needed to help make sure this event is a success.

Discussion regarding our annual Strawberry Festival took place. June 22, 2025 has been chosen as the date for this event. We will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

Old Business:

- 1). The trash and recycling bins from the village garbage company are intended for the parsonage use. Any full garbage bags from church use will be taken out by individuals and put into our personal bins.
- 2). Council is looking to see if anyone is interested in doing the lawn mowing, lawn care. Please see a council member if you are interested.
- 3). A laptop (computer) was purchased to replace the (very old) church office computer.

New Business:

- 1). The idea of putting gravel down to add additional parking at the church's side entrance was discussed. Mary Fairbank will talk with Gary L. to see what kind of input or knowledge he can share to see if this is a feasible idea to pursue.
- 2). It has been budgeted to purchase a new vacuum this year. Wayne Heitmann (custodian) will pick out what he thinks will work best and Susie Krohn will find the best deal on that model and make the purchase.
- 3). Council has been informed there are some leaks in some of the stained glass windows. We will look into what our options are to get these repaired.
- 4). Susie Krohn informed us that there is someone interested in looking at our Constitution, Bylaws and Resolutions to see if they need updates written into them. Council believes this is a good idea and a committee will be formed to do this.

Adjournment: Mary Fairbank made a motion to adjourn, Tom Rivers seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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

Next Council Meeting will be May 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely Submitted by Tammy Briskie, Secretary