

## **Emanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** March 3, 2025

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

**Call To Order:** 5:00 p.m. by Mary Fairbank

**Devotions:** Marlene Connell shared a devotional reading with the council.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mary Fairbank made a motion to approve the agenda, Marlene Connell seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:** Marlene Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025, meeting, Susie Krohn seconded. Motion carried.

**President Report:** Mary Fairbank, along with Tom Rivers, reported that they have had good response and interest in the renting of the parsonage. They have had some showings and will continue to work on it until we find a suitable renter(s).

**Treasurer Report:** Memorial Fund balance is now \$835.66. The treasurer's report was reviewed by all. Tammy Briskie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Mary Fairbank seconded. Motion carried.

**Property Report:** Tom Rivers is finishing up a few small things in the parsonage. Tom Rivers will also fix the light in the kitchen in the church basement.

**Stewardship/Witness/Worship Report:** No report.

**Events/Fundraising Report:** Made final decisions on soup suppers, regarding times and dates. Soups will be served at 5:00 p.m. Signup sheets are up for volunteers to bring soup and sandwiches.

### **Old Business:**

1. Council agreed upon a Rental agreement form to be used for the parsonage renting.
2. Tom Rivers will get the FOR RENT sign backup in the yard at the parsonage.
3. The council had a discussion regarding the bulletin and inserts. The decision was made to keep everything as it is.
4. Susie Krohn reported that the Pastor's Congregation Report for 2024 has been completed.
5. Audit of the church books for 2024 has been complete by Renee Theyerl and Diane Rens.

**New Business:**

1. Susie Krohn received information from Nolan Insurance regarding a policy for Cyber coverage. It is costly and not necessary, so Council made the decision to not purchase the policy.
2. It has been suggested to a couple of Council members to possibly hold service in the educational wing. After much discussion it was decided it would not logistically work and it would take away from the atmosphere, we all love and need.
3. The council made the decision that when all the Scrip gift cards are sold Susie Krohn will close the checking account and put the money into the savings account.
4. The council decided to put posters up in a few local businesses inviting all to our Lent Service and Soup Suppers. There will also be a poster put up inviting all to our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.
5. Susie Krohn brought information regarding average utility costs for the parsonage to share with potential renters of the parsonage.
6. The Call Committee would like to attend the April Council meeting to discuss the Ministry Site Profile that they compiled.
7. As spring approaches, we will be checking to see if there is anyone in the congregation interested in doing the lawn mowing and yard maintenance. If you have interest, please contact a Council member.
8. Susie Krohn spoke about the age of the computer in the church office. Mary Fairbank will check in with someone she knows to see what kind of price he could give us to update and replace the one.

**Adjournment:** Marlene Connell made a motion to adjourn, Tom Rivers seconded. Motion carried.

**The Lord's Prayer was shared.**

**Next Council Meeting:** April 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

**Sincerely Submitted by:**

Tammy Briskie, Secretary