

## EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** March 4, 2024

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Carol Christianson, Dick Vollbrecht, Susie Krohn, Mary Fairbank, Russel Salter, Tom Rivers, Diane Fenendael  
Unable to attend: Pat Grams

Marlene Connell submitted an email to Dick Vollbrecht indicating her immediate resignation from the Council.

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

**DEVOTIONS:** Pastor Carol offered a prayer.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Items were added to the Agenda. Motion to approve Agenda by Mary Fairbank; Second, Russel Salter; Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2024 by Tom Rivers; Second, Russel Salter; Motion approved.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Pastor Carol continues with 1 John for Wednesday night worship during Lent.

Pastor Carol spent many hours researching a system to aid in our music for Sunday and Wednesday.

Pastor Carol will be at WTS for Reformation and Reunion in Dubuque, Iowa, April 1-4, 2024. She is most looking forward to the segment on preaching.

She will be on vacation April 7-18, 2024. She mentioned to Pastor Bob if Council would like to confirm with him or anyone council might choose to fill the pulpit and be on call for April 7 and April 14.

Pastor Carol worked over 26 days straight and last week was well over 40 hours. She has asked Ann to have the bulletin format(s) completed on or before noon on Thursdays.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Our Lenten soup suppers are turning out with good attendance. Members stepped up to make soup, sandwiches, and desserts, and to serve and clean up.

Charlene Strook and Renee Strook Mayo will provide and serve Easter Breakfast before the service on March 31, 2024. They will be paid out of the coffee fund.

Dick Vollbrecht has signed the Brat Fry agreement for May 10 and 11 (the Brat Stop rent is now \$50 a day to help with maintenance costs).

Installation of the Church Council members will take place on Sunday, March 10, 2024.

Pastor Bob will be our substitute Pastor on April 7th and 14th while Pastor Carol is gone.

The choir is reorganizing and Charlotte Rebelein will be accompanying them and also playing more in church. Dick Vollbrecht and Pastor Carol have also been working on a recorded organ and piano system. Susie Krohn indicated that we should make sure to check if the music is non-copyrighted. Dick Vollbrecht also distributed a list of possible organist resources.

Mary Fairbank offered to take over the responsibilities of Financial Secretary with the resignation of Marlene Connell.

Loine Hockman would like to have someone take over the responsibilities of the Scrip program. She has been doing it for the past 12 years and we're very thankful to her. Susie Krohn suggested we may want 2-3 people to take over and perhaps go back to selling Scrip every Sunday. There will be further discussion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report for February, 2024 was distributed. Susie Krohn indicated that the Webster Grant of \$1,500 will go toward the beautification of the church for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Susie also reported making payment for building and property insurance to Auto Owners and we also have a policy for Directors & Officers with Great American Insurance. These insurance policies were effective February 7, 2024. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

**LEARNING /YOUTH:** Nothing to report.

**MEMORIAL:** Susie Krohn reported there was no activity. Balance remains \$3,802.57.

**PROPERTY:** Russell Salter met with All Phase to get a third estimate for the two furnaces needed for the church. The estimate was sent to Dick Vollbrecht. As reported in the Minutes from the February 1, 2024 Council Meeting, the two other estimates were received from Brewer Heating and Condon Total Comfort. After viewing the three estimates, Tom Rivers and Russel Salter recommended that we purchase the two 2-stage furnaces from Brewer Heating. Their estimate for the furnaces, installation, and warranty coverage was the best estimate received. A portion of Scrip may be used toward the cost. After discussion, motion made by Mary Fairbank to purchase the two furnaces needed for the church from Brewer Heating; Second, Russel Salter; Motion approved.

Dick Vollbrecht will stop at Brewer Heating in Ripon on Tuesday, February 5, 2024 to get the order for the furnaces rolling.

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

**EVENTS/FUND RAISING:** Mary Fairbank brought up the possibility of having a bake sale with our Brat Fry on May 10 & 11. There will be further discussion. Mary will get Thrivent cards to be used for the Brat Fry and Strawberry Fest.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Preparations continue for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. The committee met February 25 and will meet again March 16. Pepsi will donate two banners for the pig roast and may donate Pepsi products. The banner for the 150<sup>th</sup> is being designed and we hope to have

it soon. The committee is finalizing the invitations and booklets which we will have printed in Ripon at Good Impressions. Pastor Carol is drafting the invitation for Pastors. They have also finalized the contract for the tent rental.

Church Insurance Update: See Treasurer's Report

Furnace Quotes: See Property Report

Copy of email from Tammy Briskie was distributed to Council Members for review. Tammy will be invited to the April Council Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Substitute Pastor for April 7 & 14: Pastor Bob Rosenberg

Installation of Council Members: March 10, 2024

Music: See President's Report

Bathroom Improvements: Dick Vollbrecht indicated that they will work to get improvements done before the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Brat Fry: May 10 & 11

Dick Vollbrecht is taking care of refilling the candles with oil and has Arnie Grams son coming to help in learning how to use the sound system properly.

Marlene and Eugene Connell and Gary and Barb Klawitter have sent emails/letters indicating they are leaving Emanuel.

Susie Krohn asked about having a Prayer Request form available for members to fill out on Sundays. Dick Vollbrecht indicated that something could be put together and made available.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. by Mary Fairbank; Second, Russel Salter; Motion approved.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, April 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary