

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 2, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Carol Christianson, Judy Vollbrecht, Dick Vollbrecht, Verlyn Rebelein, Susie Krohn, Russel Salter, Mary Fairbank, Pat Grams, Rose Kramer, Diane Fenendael

CALL TO ORDER: 4:02 p.m. By Judy Vollbrecht.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Carol and the Council Members sang the Doxology.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion to approve Agenda by Verlyn Rebelein; Second, Dick Vollbrecht; Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2023 by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Rose Kramer; Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Carol reported that all is going well. She has been with Emanuel for six months. It's a work in progress. The Funeral Planning Guide is to be looked over by the Council Members and will be approved at the next Council meeting. Work is still continuing on the Safety Guidelines. Pastor Carol has been asked to speak at the Veteran's Day Assembly. Theme of the Assembly is Veterans are Everyday People. Pastor Carol indicated that we will not be participating in a joint Thanksgiving with Bethel this year. Emanuel will have its own service.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The October outing will be October 12. We will be going to Holy Hill, the auto museum, and the original Mineshaft. There are 12 people going.

Judy Vollbrecht suggested the possibility of renting a bus for our future monthly outings; possibly charging an amount to members who go on these outings. Judy will contact Lamers regarding costs for such a rental. There was also conversation of possibly including the costs of monthly trips in the Budget. No decision was made and there will be further conversation.

Buying banners for the church using money from the Memorial Fund in memory of those who have passed will be done when we get the church credit card. Susie Krohn is waiting for credit card approval from the bank.

The committee for the 150th anniversary met September 30. The meeting went well with a lot of decisions made. We are going to have a pig roast at our celebration. Judy Vollbrecht called to cancel Eden Catering today. Need to order the 150th anniversary banner for the front of the church. This banner should be put up after the first of the year. This will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting. Committee Members: Pastor Carol Christianson, Annette Raube, Judy Vollbrecht, Lois Lawson, Mary Fairbank, Marlene Connell, Janice Ott, Pat Grams. Dick Vollbrecht and Arnie Grams have also been present at committee meetings. Lunch Committee: Barb Klawitter, Charleen Strook, Wanda Sanders, Pat Grams, Mary Fairbank. Music Committee: Rose Kramer

There was discussion on how expenses that may occur for the 150th anniversary could be handled. Nothing was decided and there will be future discussions.

Susie Krohn reported that Gysbers Jewelry has a display case we could use for our 150th anniversary. They will get back to Susie with further details.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report for September, 2023 was distributed. Susie Krohn pointed out that the water bill went up due to the power washing done by the painting company. Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

LEARNING /YOUTH: Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL: Verlyn Rebelein reported 18 cents in interest. Balance is \$4,260.71. There were no expenses.

PROPERTY:

Parsonage: Dick Vollbrecht (Russel Salter) reported that the parking lot has the first coat done. The second coat will be done in the spring. The back door and sun porch are going to be replaced by Sharkfin carpenters. We will be putting a dead bolt on a door by the sun porch. We will be working on the smoke detectors in the parsonage (new batteries and replacement if needed).

Church: The Ring security items need to be installed yet. They will be done by Pat Grams son. Dick Vollbrecht signed a contract with Country Touch Lawn Care & Landscaping to do the church snow removal and salting. There was discussion on getting bathroom updates done prior to the 150th Anniversary celebration. Dick Vollbrecht emailed the painter to get a quote for painting the church, but has received no answer yet.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP: Rose Kramer and Charlotte Rebelein will be doing duets on Sunday, October 8. Choir will be singing the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Rose Kramer will be working on scheduling organ tuning. Organ tuning is paid for by Scrip. Discussion to hold Christmas Eve morning service at 9:30 a.m., with Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. Rose has opened conversation with people to provide special music at our 150th anniversary celebration. Pastor Carol indicated that new members will be joining Emanuel and welcomed on October 29th.

EVENTS/FUND RAISING: Chili Drive-thru is scheduled for October 29th. Russel Salter has a gift card from Thrivent. Mary Fairbank will contact Condon's regarding donating onions for the Chili Drive-thru.

The Cookie & Candy Sale will take place the first Saturday in December.

Mary Fairbank has all the material for making 13 blankets. Announcement will be put in the bulletin regarding helpers for making these blankets to take place in early November.

OLD BUSINESS: Updates still need to be done to the Constitution.

Judy Vollbrecht was approached by Pastor John from Bethel Reformed Church regarding our participation in a fund raiser for Eric Mulder. Bethel will be meeting at the end of this month to finalize their plans. We will discuss when we receive further details.

NEW BUSINESS: Book Club start-up by Charlotte Rebelein. “In the Footsteps of the Savior” by Max Lucado is the first book club choice. Community members may be invited to participate also. Further details will be forthcoming. Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to approve the Book Club to be run by Charlotte Rebelein; Second, Russel Slater; Motion approved.

Judy Vollbrecht talked of participation in Trick or Treat activities in Brandon with a Trunk or Treat in our church parking lot to be held Tuesday, October 31st, 4:30–6:30 p.m. Judy suggested putting small bags together with candy and other small items, perhaps stickers with Emanuel's name on it. Scrip could be used to pay for candy and small items. Mary Fairbank offered the use of her vehicle to be parked in the church lot for this event.

CESA 6 School (Special Needs School) made a request to Judy Vollbrecht and Pastor Carol Christianson asking if they could use our church as a safe place to go to in the event of a threat situation at their school. Pastor Carol will let them know we would be willing to do that for the September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024 academic year. She will also check with CESA regarding insurance coverage. Motion by Dick Vollbrecht to allow CESA 6 School to use our church as a safe place in the event of a threat situation at their school for the September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024 academic year; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

PRAYER BY PASTOR CAROL

LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 6, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary