

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

Date: June 9, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mary Fairbank at 5:00 p.m.

Marlene Connell read a devotion to the Council.

Marlene Connell made a motion to accept the agenda, Susie Krohn seconded. The motion carried.

Susie Krohn made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of May 19, 2025, Marlene Connell seconded it. The motion carried.

President's Report: Mary Fairbank reported that she has purchased some of the supplies needed for the Strawberry Festival.

Treasurer's Report: Susie Krohn reported that the remainder of the Scrip cards should be sold out on June 15, 2025. As reported earlier the money from the Scrip Program will then be deposited into the Church's saving account.

Marlene Connell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tom Rivers seconded it. The motion carried.

Memorial Report: Nothing new to report. The balance in the account is \$835.83.

Property Report: Tom Rivers has contacted several companies to take a look at the church and house lawn to get it healthy again. At least one of them has told Tom that they would get back to Tom with an estimate. Tom will continue to pursue this.

Tom continues to work on the list to mark all of the breakers at the church. The screen to keep the bugs out of the house has been installed. Tom continues to find a replacement for the light over the kitchen sink in the church. There is no new information on how to handle the leaks in the stained glass windows. Tom will contact Brewer Heating about the furnace filter replacements and maintenance for the air conditioning.

Stewardship/Witness/Worship: Nothing new to report.

Events/Fundraising: All things are set and in motion for the Strawberry Festival on June 22, 2025.

Old Business:

- 1). Mary Fairbank spoke with the President of the Council of the Rosendale Lutheran Church. She shared some information with Mary which she then relayed to us.
- 2). John Hutter has agreed to help the church lay gravel to create additional parking near the church. Mary Fairbank is waiting to hear back from John as to when he can do it.
- 3). Council had discussion in regards to a backup pianist. No final decisions were made at this time.
- 4). Council is in contact with the Call Committee to get a corrected, clean, printed copy of the Ministry Site Profile.
- 5). Council had discussion about unlocking and locking the Church on Sundays. We will work together to make sure it is happening.
- 6). Council has continued talks about the Congregational Conversations. We feel these are vital to moving forward and making decisions. We will have another one on June 15, 2025.

#### New Business:

- 1). Council is to have a conference call with the Synod. Mary Fairbank will make the contact to get the conference call scheduled.
- 2). Council discussed what other Lutheran Synods are out there. Susie Krohn did some looking into this but has discovered there really is not a lot of information out there to be found.
- 3). Susie Krohn brought to us that in the past we have paid for a Copyright License (\$170). After much discussion we concluded we did not need this license and will not purchase this.
- 4). There is a small green table in our church that someone was inquiring after. It will be looked into. UPDATE: It has been determined that the table belongs to the church and will stay there.
- 5). There was much discussion regarding coffee hour. At this time, the same people are rotating with providing food and the cleanup, which is a lot for those few people. So, council thought it would be better to simplify it. Coffee will be made and donuts/pastry will be purchased with the money that has been collected for the coffee hour. Of course if anyone wishes to provide something more or do something special on any Sunday morning they are more than welcome to do so.

Marlene Connell made a motion to adjourn, Tom Rivers seconded, The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Council concluded by sharing the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely submitted by:  
Tammy Briskie, Secretary