

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 2, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Fairbank, Susan Krohn, Tom Rivers, Marlene Connell, Diane Fenendael

CALL TO ORDER: 1:57 p.m. by Mary Fairbank

DEVOTIONS: Chaplain Peg read verses from Ephesians 4 in which Paul, in part, encourages us to live in Christian unity and love.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Additions were made to the agenda. Motion to approve Agenda by Susie Krohn; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Motion to approve Council Meeting Minutes from November 11, 2024 by Marlene Connell; Second, Susie Krohn; Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mary Fairbank has taken two days off a week from work. She will start working on pulpit supply for January 5, February, and March. Chaplain Peg will fill in through the end of January with the exception of January 5.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susie Krohn mentioned these items: We are a little heavy on Scrip (RaiseRight) because of the holiday. Hy-Vee is participating in the program. \$7,500 for the sound system was taken out of savings. Money in the memorial fund for Nancy Rahn (\$1,075) that Darrell Rahn had asked to be used toward the cost of the sound system will be used toward the final cost. Auto-Owners Insurance – we can save \$700 if we pay for a whole year; this will be discussed further at the January Council Meeting.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Marlene Connell; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

MEMORIAL: Memorial balance remains at \$1,910.42.

PROPERTY: Tom Rivers will continue to work on the following. **Church:** Women's bathroom door needs to be planed down; Tom talked to Renee Theyerl regarding Ron Theyerl's help with list of breakers and lights out over pulpit and entry; Downspouts repair and up for snow removal has been done; Thermostat in office needs to be replaced (Tom will replace after council meeting). Brewer Heating is coming; would like to have them set the thermostats on a schedule. **Parsonage:** Screen for bugs – Tom will measure to get the right size screen for spring.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP: No report.

EVENTS/FUND RAISING: Christmas Bake Sale on December 14 – Mary Fairbank updated the sign. Help will be needed for setup on Friday, December 13, from noon - 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; helpers for Saturday should arrive at 8:15 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: .

1. Battery Operated Candles – Further research needs to be done. Will continue discussion at the next Council meeting.
2. Sound System – Hull says it'll be December 9 or after before he can come. Mary will find out what time. Susie indicated we should have two microphones also.
3. Parsonage flooring was installed November 25-27 – final cost of \$2,520.00 is due at the end of the month.
4. Susie Krohn reviewed the Budget proposal for 2025 with the Council.
5. Mailing Christmas cards will be done by the call committee.
6. New council members are needed – names for potential Council members were mentioned.
7. Cleaning church – Sign-up sheets are for one month. Discussion on the possibility of having someone step up as a paid janitor which would amount to about four hours per week. This will be put in the bulletin to see if there is any interest.
8. Parsonage Rental – \$1,400 per month. Cleaning will take place January 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. It was strongly suggested that the couches left in the basement should be removed. Mary Fairbank suggested taking some cleaning supplies from church to use for cleaning the parsonage. All rooms have radiator heat. Must check to make sure they're not leaking. There was again discussion about the congregation members being able to look through things in the garage and take what they might want. All else will be donated or gotten rid of.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chaplain Peg – Service Changes. After discussion, it was decided that changes would not be made at this time.
2. Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025.
3. Email addresses should be updated. Will discuss at the next meeting.
4. Diane Fenendael will check if Renee Theyerl and Diane Rens would be willing to audit the books again this year.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 4:15 p.m by Marlene Connell; Second, Susie Krohn; Motion approved.

LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 6, 2025 at **2:00 p.m.**

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary