

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: July 10, 2023

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

Unable to attend: Pastor Carol Christianson

CALL TO ORDER: 3:59 p.m. by Judy Vollbrecht

DEVOTIONS: Due to Pastor Carol's absence there were no devotions.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve 6-5-23 Council Meeting Minutes (with adjustments made) by Mary Fairbank; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The July outing is a boat trip on the Chain of Lakes in Waupaca. It's exciting to see members getting together to enjoy a good time of fellowship. We have 18 people going.

The men of the church received chocolate treats for Father's Day.

Work continues around the parsonage.

There was a group of people that volunteered to clean up the basement area. We will also need volunteers in the future to work on the education area. A notice will be put in the bulletin sometime in August.

Judy Vollbrecht is looking at buying banners for church using money from the Memorial Fund in memory of those who have passed.

Discussion on putting together a group to review and make updates to the Church Constitution to reflect today's needs. So far, Dick Vollbrecht, Verlyn Rebelein, Rose Kramer, and Russel Salter have volunteered to be in this group. Pastor Carol Christianson would also likely be involved.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2023, Deputy Ed (from the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department and Brandon's new officer) came to Emanuel to explain how our church can proceed with safety measures. Rose Kramer did a great job surveying many churches in our area that have security

procedures in place. There was a meeting of the congregation after the July 2, 2023 service to explain safety measures for our members.

A group met to get started on plans for Emanuel's 150th anniversary next year. A date for this celebration will be determined soon. Rose Kramer brought an example of letters and post cards that had been sent out to members from her home church in Minnesota on the occasion of their 150th anniversary. Further discussion and meetings will take place.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susie Krohn distributed the June 2023 report. Motion made by Mary Fairbank to accept treasurer's report; Second, Pat Grams; Motion approved.

Susie Krohn reported that she had received the \$400 rebate (Debit Mastercard) for the parsonage appliances. She suggested using this to buy something for the church. After discussion, it was decided to use this rebate toward the purchase of a cordless vacuum cleaner.

Discussion as where to donate some of the Strawberry Festival money. Decision made to donate \$250 to the Brandon Food Pantry. Motion made by Verlyn Rebelein to donate \$250 to the Brandon food pantry; Second, Dick Vollbrecht. Motion approved.

LEARNING/YOUTH: Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL: Verlyn Rebelein reported a balance of \$4,260.17. The \$19.90 amount deducted for new checks was reimbursed by the bank.

PROPERTY:

Parsonage: Dick Vollbrecht (Russell Salter, Verlyn Rebelein) reported. The garage windows have been replaced and the rotten wood by the garage doors was also replaced. The storm door on the sunroom will be replaced in August. We are working on the parking lot. Hopp's Painting said they should be painting the parsonage and garage mid to late August. We still need to repair front steps and a few other small projects. Verlyn Rebelein donated wood.

Church: Arrow-Lift came to install the hydraulic hose but could not install it because they did not have the correct hydraulic fluid. They will be back. Gary Klawitter installed the new batteries which we ordered from Amazon for about \$200 instead of the \$570 from Arrow-Lift. The doorbells are installed and other security items will be installed when we get them. Per our walk through with Deputy Ed, our new Fond du Lac county police officer, as concerns our church's security, we will be installing LED lights by all three exit doors that will be left on all the time.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP: Rose Kramer explained the way they are using Sundays & Seasons computer program for selecting hymns for the Sunday services.

Rose reported that Pastor Carol wishes to start using Setting Two in the Order of Communion Service in the LBW hymnal. This would begin in September.

EVENTS/FUND RAISING: Mary Fairbank sent thank you notes for the strawberries for the Strawberry Festival and to Condon Oil for donations for the Brat Fry. Discussion regarding chili supper, bake sales, cookie and candy sales. Date for the chili supper and other details to be determined at August Council Meeting. Russel Salter can get cards from Thrivent to use toward our events.

Dick Vollbrecht made motion to accept Ministry Team Reports; Second, Verlyn Rebelein, Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Security: See President and Property Reports

Preparation for 150th Anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church: See President's Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Equipment for Church Security: See Property Report.

Update Church Constitution: See President's Report

July 30th 25th Anniversary of Pastor Carol's Ordination: Rev. Dr. Craig Nesson will be preaching. There will be cake and a coffee hour after the service.

Defibrillator ADA for Church: Council members will talk to first responders to help determine if we need one and provide education for using if we get one.

Display Case for Emanuel Historical Books and Papers: Discussion on purchasing a display case for Emanuel's historical books and papers. Susie Krohn will get further information on a display case.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. by Verlyn Rebelein; Second, Dick Vollbrecht; Motion approved.

LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 7, 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary