

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 8, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00 p.m. by Judy Vollbrecht

DEVOTIONS: Pastor Carol read from Matthew 25:34-46. When we take care of others, we do it as though we do it for Christ. Our 150th anniversary is coming up next year. We can preserve what we have and pay it forward. This place is alive and well.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: An item was added to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Verlyn Rebelain; Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve 4-3-2023 Council Minutes by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: We have an upcoming baptism in early June. Ann Kastein and Pastor Carol are working on ordering a new stock of candles and baptismal towels. They are checking on pricing.

Pastor Carol and Ann Kastein also looked into a software program called "Sundays in Season" which makes planning of the Call to Worship much easier to incorporate into our bulletin. Cost for this software is \$349 a year. Motion made by Dick to purchase this software; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

There was discussion on what to do with the old computer in Pastor's office. Decision made to have all information cleared from the computer and then the computer could be donated. There will be a note in the bulletin if anyone in our congregation would be interested in it.

Pastor Carol mentioned that all announcements for the bulletin should in by noon on Thursday.

Pastor Carol expressed her wish to return to offering each other the sign of peace during our worship service. Pastor Carol also asked that we return to the practice of the ushers passing the offering plates and then bringing them up to the front. The song "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord" will be sung. This practice will begin in June.

Pastor Carol has booked Dr. Craig Nesson to speak to us on Sunday, July 30, in honor of the 25th anniversary of her Ordination.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

There's been no response as regards the summer church camp.

Tuesday, May 9, is the Spring Tulip Showcase at the Paine Art Center. We have 9 people so far who are going. We will leave from the church parking lot at 10 a.m.

On Mother's Day, Judy Vollbrecht will be handing out a flower to each of the women of the church. Carnations have been ordered.

The Pastoral contract for Pastor Carol Christianson has been signed and is on record.

We are hoping to have a good response to the book club. Charlotte Rebelein has offered to spearhead this event.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susie Krohn distributed the April 2023 report. Motion made by Dick Vollbrecht to accept treasurer's report; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

Checking and Savings accounts at Bristol Morgan have been closed. All accounts have been changed to National Exchange Bank.

Susie Krohn has updated the Menards card.

LEARNING/YOUTH: Judy Vollbrecht is looking for ways to encourage the participation of our children and the children along with their families. Ideas included Vacation Bible School, Wednesday night activities, education for children, providing lunch for children during the summer, activities for children and their parents. There will be further discussion.

MEMORIAL: Verlyn Rebelein reported a balance of \$4,259.99. Memorial account is still at Bristol Morgan. Verlyn will close that account and set up at National Exchange Bank. Pastor Carol suggested that undesignated Memorial funds could be used to buy red geraniums for Pentecost Sunday.

PROPERTY:

Parsonage: The ramp at the parsonage is complete. The outside spring raking is done. Gutter cleaning is done. Verlyn Rebelein removed old paint cans from the parsonage basement. We have wood donated by Verlyn to fix the front steps at the parsonage and bench in the parking lot. These repairs need to be done yet. We are waiting for estimates for painting the parsonage and garage. Pastor Carol mentioned that the windows on the porch at the parsonage should be checked.

Church: Arrow-Lift has still not sent a quote for a hydraulic hose and battery (current battery is 5 years old). Dick Vollbrecht will follow up again.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/EVENTS/FUND RAISING:

Brat Fry (May 12 & 13): Supplies have been ordered and/or already picked up. Pork chop sandwiches, BBQ sauce and baked beans will be offered along with brats and burgers. A \$250 Thrivent card will be used for this event. There will also be a bake sale.

Strawberry Festival (June 11 at Depot Park): Tammy Briskie is checking to see if she can get strawberries again this year. We will offer turkey and shredded chicken. There was discussion that this year a price will be set rather than have the freewill offering. Price to be determined at the next meeting. Mary Fairbank will get another \$250 Thrivent card to be used for this event.

WORSHIP: Rose Kramer will be gone the rest of May. Charlotte Rebelein will be playing for services. Rose and Charlotte will be playing for the June 11 service. Rose Kramer and Diane Rens will be playing for a service at the end of June or early July.

OLD BUSINESS: Brat Fry and Strawberry Festival already covered under events/fund raising.

NEW BUSINESS:

Church Security: There was much discussion given to the subject of locking doors during our Sunday services. Back and side doors would be locked. Discussed locking the front door 10 minutes after the service begins. No final decision was made and further discussion will continue at the June meeting. New keys for our church were distributed to and signed for by each Council Member receiving a key.

Emanuel Lutheran Church 150th Annivesary: Starting preparations for the 150th anniversary of Emanuel Lutheran Church on May 14, 2024. Judy Vollbrecht is working to put together a group of people who have knowledge of the history of our church.

Painting of the top of the church steeple: Jay (Zoom) Neuman offered to supply a crane that would reach the height needed to paint the top of the steeple for \$800. Painting would be done by Ron Theyerl. Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to pursue this offer; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

LORD'S PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 5, 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary