

## EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** June 5, 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 the first chapter of Genesis. Think about creation and its meaning. God saw that it was good. Prayer by Pastor Carol.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda by Verlyn Rebelein; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve 5-8-2023 Council Meeting Minutes by Dick Vollbrecht; Second, Verlyn Rebelein; Motion approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** First month has gone well. Pastor Carol feels accepted and welcomed. Ann Kastein has been working on learning the "Sundays in Season" software program and how it works. Pastor Carol welcomes ideas for ways we could participate in community activities in the future and activities to bring children and families in. We are ambassadors for our church and want to make this place grow.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

May 9, a group went to the Paine Art Center and to eat at the Mineshaft afterward. Everyone enjoyed it.

There is another outing event planned for June to LaClare's Creamery and Capone's for lunch. The goal is to plan an outing once a month.

Flowers were handed out to the women of Emanuel for Mother's Day. The plan is to also do something for the men of Emanuel on Father's Day.

There has been a lot of activity around the church. Flowers have been planted and we're hoping to have assistance with cleaning some things in the dining area of the church. Work continues around the parsonage.

Brandon Meats gave a big donation for the brat fry and also donated the flowers by the front doors at church. A thank you card was sent.

**President's Report (Continued):**

Ideas for using the money from the Bake Sale (\$1,300) were discussed. Decision made to use \$700 toward the material for blankets that are being made. These blankets will be donated to shelters, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Fond du Lac Chapter) or other places in need. The remaining \$600 to be used toward the Sunday coffee hours as needed. There is also the possibility of having a freewill offering at our coffee hours to help with the expense for those who volunteer to host the coffee hours.

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

Susie Krohn reported that the brat fry and bake sale more than doubled our best year. Brat Fry: \$2,826.90 cleared; Bake Sale: \$1,359.66 cleared.

Susie Krohn suggested that the building funds become part of the general fund and not be listed separately. Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to incorporate building fund into the general fund; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

**LEARNING/YOUTH:** Nothing to report.

**MEMORIAL:** Verlyn Rebelein reported a balance of \$4,240.14. Bank deducted \$19.90 for new checks. This \$19.90 amount is to be reimbursed by the bank.

**PROPERTY:**

**Parsonage:** Report by Dick Vollbrecht. Air conditioning was installed on June 2. We have a painting contract signed with Hopp Painting for the parsonage and garage. Date not known at this time. Flowers are planted. We started working on the parking lot last week. Plywood was taken off the garage windows. We will hire someone to install one set of windows with a brand new window we found in the corner of the garage that was never installed, and to fix the other window. Ron Theyerl will do some more electrical work.

**Church:** Arrow-Lift has still not sent a quote for a hydraulic hose and battery (current battery is 5 years old). Dick Vollbrecht will continue to follow up. Repairs will be done in the education center and men's bathroom when work at the parsonage and outside are done. Ron Theyerl will paint the cross on the church when the crane comes to Brandon to work on another project this summer. The estimated cost for the crane is \$800.

**STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/EVENTS/FUND RAISING:** Strawberry Festival (June 11 at Depot Park) is set to go. Strawberries are here. There is enough help. Baked Beans, Shredded turkey and sloppy joes will be offered.

**WORSHIP:** Rose Kramer and Charlotte Rebelein will be playing duets for June 11 service. They will choose baptismal songs for the service also.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Church Security:** After much discussion (pros and cons) regarding locking the front door 10 minutes after the service begins, Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to begin locking the front door 10 minutes after our service begins; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion was approved by majority of Council; Verlyn Rebelein opposed. There will be an announcement in the bulletin.

Pastor Carol will contact the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's office with the intent of having someone do a security walk through of our church and perhaps have a representative talk to our Council and congregation regarding the security needs of our church. Pastor Carol also suggested the possibility of using Memorial money to install ring cameras and offered to start looking into pricing.

**Emanuel's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Much needs to be done yet and work will continue to prepare for this event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bake sale profit:** See President's Report

**Brat Sale Profit:** Dick Vollbrecht made a motion to use brat sale profits toward parsonage maintenance costs; Second, Mary Fairbank; Motion approved.

Judy Vollbrecht brought up the possibility of buying two large, cement pots to be put outside in front of the church to be used year round, and also new church banners using unspecified Memorial funds. Mary Fairbank made a motion to buy the two pots and new banners using unspecified Memorial funds; Second, Pat Grams; Motion approved.

Do we need to move some money from the property investment funds to cover the cost of parsonage maintenance? Decision made that we should leave it where it is.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. by Rose Kramer; Second, Pat Grams; Motion approved.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 10, 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Diane Fenendael, Secretary