

Immanuel Lutheran Council Minutes August 17, 2017 at 6:30pm

Attendance: Donna Kriesel, Jerome DeMars, Tammie Walker, Sue VanHooser, Jane Miller, Steve VanHooser, Tony Smith, Michelle Gerth, Amanda Noaeill, Dianne Elsenpeter, Dan Lofgren, Kim McDonald, Pastor Paul Brown, Steph Collins.

Devotions: Dan Lofgren

Call to Order @ 6:31pm

Approval of Agenda - Jane Miller motioned to approve the agenda, Donna Kriesel seconded, motion was approved.

Review of Board Minutes

- Mission & Outreach
- Youth & Family
- Facilities & Properties
- Worship & Congregational Life

Treasurer's Report - Tammie Walker reviewed the Treasurer's report. We are ahead of the average June/July Sunday offering. We are expecting a drop in our insurance premiums soon as we adjust the property value covered to better reflect our true property value as recommended by our insurance agent. We continue to address the audit recommendations from earlier in the year and a mid-year financial report was included in the Epistle, and we continue to research the best way to keep the congregation informed about Immanuel's financial health. We are currently over 60 days in our payments to the Synod.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Brown reviewed his report including visits, pastoral acts, meeting and special events since June. He also reviewed the mission planning which included the five goals set toward reaching growth for our church: increase worship attendance, increase in our giving, expand opportunities for all (intergenerational), develop ministries for community outreach and expand youth & family ministries. There is also going to be a Mission Development meeting on September 19th that everyone will be invited to.

Youth Director's Report - Sue reviewed her Youth Director report which included wrap-up's for VBS, Summer Stretch and the canoe trip, all of which were very successful. VBS was a joint venture with Trinity and there were approximately 120 students participating and about 1/3 from Immanuel, 1/3 from Trinity and 1/3 from outside either congregation. Summer Stretch was another joint venture with Trinity held at Immanuel with over 20 kids for the first year. Some of the places visited was Bunker Beach, Skyzone, Summerland, Kelley Farm and the Rox game and some of the service projects included Feed My Starving Children, Community Service, and the Crayon Initiative. The Boundary Waters Canoe Trip happened at the beginning of the August, sending in two groups each with two adults, one group with 6 kids and the other with 5. We borrowed the canoes from Troop 16 Boy Scouts. It was a very successful trip and we are already planning on the trip next summer. All three events were financially positive. Sue also provided the 2017/2018 Sunday School calendar. The curriculum has been selected with Sparks Lectionary. Sunday School will change this year to include Pre-K to 6th grade only. This is due to changes in the confirmation requirements, 7th & 8th grade attendance in previous years and feedback

from parents of confirmation students. The confirmation schedule and requirements was also included for 2017/2018.

Old Business:

- Youth Director's Office - NOT completed.
- Wrap up VBS, Canoe Trip & Summer Stretch - See Youth Director's report.
- Welcome Center - The blueprint is complete, next will be obtaining supplies and the budget.
- Logo Contest - Complete, thank you to Annalisa Apel who refined it for us.
- Defibrillator - gofundme.com/nqty8d-defibrillator-for-our-church - Steph Collins made a motion to share the link on our Facebook page, others can share it and we'll see what we receive. Tammie Walker seconded, the motion was approved.
- Stewardship Board - This was discussed in Pastor's report.
- Memorial Policy - There is a meeting on August 29th at 7pm.
- Purser/Greeter - This will be taken back to Worship & Congregational Life.

New Business:

- Health Fair - Pat Braun attended and explained a Health Fair she would like to see happen in October or November with the help of the Central MN Council on Aging. It is a traveling health fair for seniors (50+). She has already provided the director with a tour of the building and they are excited about the opportunities. It is something that can grow each year if we'd like. Pat will fill out the paperwork and take it to the Facilities & Properties Board which will then come back to Council for the formal approval.
- Membership Changes - The changes below came from the questionnaire sent out to homes, There will most likely be more changes as this task comes to completion over the next few months. Jane Miller made a motion to make the membership changes below, Dianne Elsenpeter seconded, the motion was approved.
 - Remove: Brady Doyle, Nate & Jenny Kick, Christine Ehman Family, Melissa Knight, Candace Knight, Mindy Hill, Shannon VerBeek.
 - Transfer: Mike & Karen Thompson
- Adjust Property Insurance - According to our insurance agent our property is valued at \$2.9 million but we are insured for \$3.7 million. Dianne Elsenpeter made a motion to work with our agent to get our coverage to the appropriate level, Jerome DeMars seconded, the motion was passed.
- Sex Offender Policy - Through our insurance policy, it was suggested to have a more clear procedure should a sexual predator become known and they wished to worship at Immanuel. Steve VanHooser and Pastor Brown will do some further research and bring it back to the council.
- Wedding Coordinator Position - Sue VanHooser is resigning her role as the Wedding Coordinator. The next wedding isn't until January. There will be some changes to this role and it will be further discussed at the September Council meeting.
- Requests - Fundraising request for the German Supper on October 2, 2017. 10% to the Princeton Pantry and 90% to Principal Only. Diane Elsenpeter made a motion to approve this request, Jane Miller seconded, the motion was approved. Dianne also had a request from Walgreens in Elk River to provide flu shots after church one Sunday. She has not yet received the appropriate paperwork for this, but wanted to bring it up.

Devotions for Next Meeting: Donna Kriesel

Purser Schedule for September

Closing Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Adjourn - Jane Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, Dan Lofgren seconded, the motion was approved.

Next Meeting - September 21, 2017 @ 6:30pm