

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 16, 2024

Council Members present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Sandra LaValley, Bill Schwengel, Sue Waits, Dave Schaffer, Karen Larson, Shalyn Gagnon, Janet Carlson, Marcia Bowman, and Christopher Dean

Absent: Ryan Stilp

Guests: N/A

Meeting called to order by Dave Schaffer at 7:02 pm.

Gathering and Devotion

Chris read a devotion called *Herd Instinct* from the book *Stand Strong – Our Daily Bread*.

Thank you notes

- Jon Seamon for playing trumpet during the Easter Sunday service
- The Youth for serving breakfast after the Easter service
- LeRoy Johnson in recognition of his 45 years of service as accompanist for Immanuel

Minutes

Approved via email.

New Business

- LeRoy Johnson's recognition during Music Sunday/Pentecost with cake reception.
 - This year marks his 45th year as church accompanist; we are planning to have a special recognition for him after the service on May 19th.
 - Jan will gather money for a gift from the choir members.
 - Members of the church will also be encouraged to offer their thanks with cards, etc.
 - There will be a cake and gift given from the church.
- Create-a-World Sunday - Pastor Jamie
 - April 28th – Will be inviting preschool families to worship, and the preschoolers will be singing a song. Preschool teachers will be hosting a coffee hour after worship. There will also be an announcement about a fundraiser for new playground equipment.
- Upcoming News – David
 - The side door likely needs to be replaced with an ADA compliant door. This will require fundraising in the future (\$10,000+). The Council may apply for a grant from the Immanuel Trust Fund to fund the project.
- Discussed the need to resurface the playground area.

Old Business

- Q12 Congregation Survey & Discussion of wording questions - Chris
 - Gallup Research has a Gallup Faith Survey (ME25). This is a series of questions based on many of the same concepts of the Q12 Survey, but it gets at issues of faith. They also offer services to help churches interpret the results. The cost would be \$1,000 for the survey, analysis, and other resources (books, etc.).
 - General consensus of this group is that a survey could be a very valuable tool.
 - Additional information about the ME25 is in the May Council folder.
 - We might consider implementing the survey to correspond with Consecration Sunday.

Marcia made a motion for the council to further investigate the ME25 survey for a potential vote to implement during the May Council meeting; Sue seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Thank you to Chris for pulling the information together.

- Committee Sign-ups, Staff Connections

- Make a point to learn anniversary dates or important happenings of your staff person so we can offer recognition.
- Youth Reps on Council
 - We should be inviting groups in as they have events coming up.

Reports – Review prior to meeting

- Pastor (in drive)
- Property (Bill) – The Green Oasis maintenance of the irrigation system was discontinued about three years ago; if we are going to be adding native plants/grasses to the church grounds this year, perhaps we should add some irrigation in those zones. Green Oasis would cost \$125 to start up in the spring, then \$169 to prep for winter.

Sue made a motion to spend the money to have Green Oasis turn on and evaluate the system, cost not to exceed \$500; Jan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- Cemetery – no new report.
- Finance (Dave) – Giving in March exceeded our expenses. The deficit has decreased by about \$7,000 since last year at this time. A reminder that the Memorials line item is open for use at the discretion of the Council (current balance is approximately \$3,000).
- Green Team (Sue) – Scrap metal collection 4/22 through 4/28.
- Trust Fund (Ryan) – no new report.
- Faith Formation – no new report.
- Preschool (Shalyn) – no new report.
- ZIP – no new report.

Bill moved to accept the reports; Marcia seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer led by Pastor Jamie

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jan; second by Marcia; meeting adjourned.

Offering Counters 2024

January:	Lang	May:	Marcia	September:	Jan
February:	Dave	June:	Karen	October:	Karen
March:	Karen	July:	(no meeting)	November:	Sue
April:	Sandy	August:		December:	Bill

Devotions 2024

January:	Bill	May:	Marcia	September:	
February:	Dave	June:	Sandy	October:	Karen
March:	Jan	July:	(no meeting)	November:	Sue
April:	Chris	August:		December:	

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Karen Larson