

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October, 2024

Council Members present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Sandra LaValley, Bill Schwengel, Karen Larson, Marcia Bowman,, Janet Carlson.

Absent: Dave Schaffer, Shalyn Gagnon, Sue Waits, Christopher Dean, and Ryan Stilp.

Guests: N/A

Meeting called to order by Janet at 7:10 pm.

Gathering and Devotion

Karen shared a devotional *Brave Leadership Advances Flames of Hope* by Erin Brown.

Thank you notes

- Shalyn Gagnon – For her work on the statements for our meetings with the youth.
- Michael Rehak – For offering to carry on his ministry as a volunteer.
- Steve Johnson – For delivering Weekend Kids Meals to Meadowview weekly from Feed My People.

Minutes

Approved via email.

New Business

- We will be postponing the celebration of Pastor Jamie’s ordination this fall, and will be combining it with the celebration of her anniversary here with Immanuel Lutheran sometime early next year.

Old Business

- Review Stewardship talks by council member
 - Confirmed the schedule for the talks. Suggestion from Marcia to clarify the meaning of the word “tithing”.
 - Marcia, Sandy, and Janet will be coordinating snacks for the 11/10 event.
- Symbolic Offering ideas with scan code
 - Discussed having a symbol like the currently used “dollar” that can be added to the offering basket, but also having a coin symbol to help with the connection to smaller denominational offerings.
 - Discussed Venmo as a way to give, but there are some barriers to giving that way (i.e. Venmo wanting to use personal information for transactions).
- Continued discussion on budget and communication with congregation
 - Good response from members about being able to see the financial information with the minutes.
- Plans for council members meeting with youth on upcoming Wednesdays
 - Shalyn is meeting with Alyssa to fine tune the discussion topics.

Reports

- Pastor (in drive)
- Property (Bill)
 - Work day on church grounds is 11/3/24.
 - The current custodial service is working well.
 - There was a private donor for carpet cleaning machine.
 - Suggestion from Marcia to consider quotes for the new side door and a covered entrance. Making the side door ADA accessible or at least having an automatic opener for people who are coming for the food pantry and preschool.
 - Marcia suggested sharing church needs with new members in hope that they might have skills that could help with those needs.
- Cemetery (Bill)
 - No new activity.
- Finance (Dave) –

- o Reports are in the drive.
- Green Team (Sue)
 - o No new reports.
- Trust Fund (Ryan)
 - o No new reports
- Faith Formation
 - o No new reports
- Preschool (Shalyn)
 - o No new reports
- ZIP
 - o No new reports

- The Memorial fund was used to fund the purchase of new chairs and the upcoming survey.

Marcia moved to accept the committee reports; second by Sandy; motion passed unanimously.

Financial Summary

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary For the Period Ended September 30, 2024

Current Month	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$25,302.75	\$24,166.00	\$1,136.75
Expense	\$22,939.08	\$26,672.00	(\$3,732.92)
Operating Income (Loss)	\$2,363.67	(\$2,506.00)	\$4,869.67

Current Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$201,222.00	\$217,500.00	(\$16,278.00)
Expense	\$221,243.70	\$224,752.00	(\$3,508.30)
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$20,021.70)	(\$7,252.00)	(\$12,769.70)

Prior Year	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$209,099.80	\$202,500.00	\$6,599.80
Expense	\$212,574.54	\$210,376.00	\$2,198.54
Operating Income (Loss)	(\$3,474.74)	(\$7,876.00)	\$4,401.26

Checking Account Balance 9/30/2024	\$	31,746.55
Certificate of Deposit	\$	25,000.00
Total	\$	56,746.55

Closing Prayer led by Pastor Jamie

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Sandy; second by Bill; meeting adjourned.

Offering Counters 2024

January: Lang

May: Marcia

September: Jan

February: Dave	June: Karen	October: Karen
March: Karen	July: Various	November: Sue
April: Sandy	August: Karen/Sandy	December: Bill

Devotions 2024

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Karen Larson