

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Menominee, MI
Minutes of the Monthly Congregation Council Meeting on September 14, 2021

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Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, Ronda Pedersen, Matt Vanni, Terrie Porras, Bill Taccolini, Jeff Hines, Jeremy Sallgren, Linda Davis, Stacy Hansen, James Porras. Absent: Jim Briar, Boni Nerat-Heckel, Betty Kohrt, Laura Magrane. Present to Report: Debbie Villas, Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo.

Meeting called to order: at 6:07pm by President Ronda. Stacy motioned to approve agenda, Bill T. seconded, motion carried.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Mark read from the book “People of Purpose: 40 Life Lessons from the New Testament” and from Mark, chapter 14. The readings addressed Simon-Peter imperfections, yet he did great things through his work following Jesus. Pastor ended with prayer.

Secretary’s Report: Terrie presented August 10th minutes. Stacy motioned to accept minutes as written, seconded by Matt, motion carried. Pastor shared correspondence regarding 5 seminarian students who have received money donated by our synod.

Candidate for Congregation Council: Ronda presented James Porras to replace seat vacated by Bill Kuhnlein. Motion to elect James Porras to fill remaining term of Bill Kuhnlein made by Matt, seconded by Jeremy, motion carried. Pastor Mark installed James to Council.

Treasurer’s & Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed financial reports. Noted offerings are down (common during summer months) and expenses are good. Spectrum (phone-internet provider) contacted and reduced rate was negotiated. Reminded committees 2022 budgets are due. Discussed permanently restricted fund with Rob Jamo, she will next look for original agreement.

ACTION ITEMS – where we’ve been. Old Business

Coffee Fellowship – Ronda led discussion. Will start on 10/17 at 9am. Information to be published in October Messenger. Discussed who will work the event. Fellowship committee will work kick-off event. After that could form a new group (call them something fun like Emmanuel Baristas), or could form council member teams of 2 who take turns hosting. Discussed supplies needed, to be paid for out of Fellowship budget. Patti willing to do orientation of kitchen for members who sign up to work but do not know their way around.

REPORTS – where we are.

Youth Advisory Council: Patti reported 2 GLOW Youth members attended the Camp Bird 9/11-9/12 Youth Retreat. Will meet in Oct. to start planning this years’ activities.

Youth & Family Ministry Director’s Report: Patti presented her report as written (see attached). She announced she completed her course and is now a certified Youth Minister! Congratulations Patti!

President’s Report: Ronda reported Walk Together synod event has been cancelled. Thanked Linda for music service she did in Pastor’s absence. Thanked Pastor and Patti for their work and successful confirmation retreat. Thanked James Porras for volunteering to serve on council. Regarding Rally Day: 52 members have signed up

to attend, timeline of days' events reviewed. Ronda informed us she will be absent for 11/9 meeting. Lastly, she encouraged members to read Pastor's message in the Sep. Messenger as "it was a good one".

Committee Reports:

Youth: Stacy reported she and Patti will run games at Rally Sunday. Will work on Trunk or Treat.

Learning: Bill T – meet in a few weeks.

Endowment: Pastor – Have not met.

Human Resources (HR): Pastor – Meet Thur.

Fellowship: Ronda reported they are all set for Rally Day. Bulk of food coming from Great Lakes Food. Sue Larson doing most of the work. Matt, Mike Belisle and Adam Starzynsky will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Budget for next year is being worked on.

Memorial: Pastor – have not met.

Outreach: Terrie reported they will meet 9/21 to review calendar and plan this year's events. Worked with Patti on budget and have submitted it to Debbie.

Policy & Procedure (P&P): Pastor – Met 8/12. See new business.

Property: Matt reported they met 9/2. Bids out for snow removal. Matt, Pastor, and Jeremy got games and trailer from Strolls, still need permanent location. Discussed building garage. Contractor behind on soffit/facia repair. Budget done and submitted to Debbie. Continue to look for kitchen roll down window shade.

Stewardship: Pastor – Have not met.

Worship: Pastor – Have not met.

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented his report as written (see attached). He thanked Linda and Barb for their music service during his absence. Discussed with council that Menominee Co. is at 66% COVID-19 infection rate and our hospital is filling up. Will continue to monitor closely.

ACTION ITEMS – where we are going. NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources Committee Description of Duties policy – Ronda led discussion. Stacy read policy changes. Motion to approve policy by Stacy, seconded by Bill, motion carried.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS – See old business, Coffee Fellowship

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm on a **motion** by Linda, seconded by Jeremy, motion carried. Pastor Mark closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrie Porras, Council Secretary