

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 9, 2024, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; VP Jim Briar; VP Chris Nelson; Secretary Joanna Magrane; Treasurer Debbie Villas; Bill Taccolini; Gail Sieglaff; Cindy Smith; Jeff Hines; Jeremy Sallgren; Eileen Beyer; Holly Bayerl; Brianna Camps Excused: President Terrie Porras; Emily Lenca Present to Report: Patti Treptow; Judy Raygo

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda: Chris called the meeting to order at 6:00 then called for review and approval of the Agenda. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led a discussion of John 4:1-30.

Secretary's Report: Chris called for review of the Minutes of the March 12, 2024, Council Meeting. No errors were noted, and Council accepted and filed the Minutes.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed the monthly financial reports and submitted the Minutes of the March 19, 2024, Finance Committee meeting. Council accepted and filed the Treasurer's Report.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Pancake Supper: Holly reported that plans are well underway for the pancake supper fundraiser, to be held on Thursday, May 2, from 4-7 pm. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex for volunteers and food items.

Summer Outdoor Worship Frequency: After discussion, Council decided to hold one outdoor worship service per month this summer.

Community Day: Patti, Holly, and Joanna reported on Emmanuel's participation in the recent Community Day event held at the Rec Center in Marinette. All agreed that it was a valuable networking event. Eileen noted an opportunity for volunteer groups to serve as ushers for Community Theater, which our members may want to pursue.

Rally Day: Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024, with an outdoor worship Service at 10:00, followed by a picnic and children's games at Henes Park. Patti has reserved our usual pavilion. There will also be an 8:00 service at Emmanuel.

Congregational Constitution Review: Pastor Christine led Council in a discussion of "Why We Do What We Do", as set forth in Chapters 1-4 of Emmanuel's Constitution, and instructed Council members to read C4.05.A15 - C5.05.01 for our next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources and Policy & Procedure Chairs: Council was advised that, upon Mr. Zobel's recent resignation, both committees need new Chairs. In accordance with applicable policy, Council must appoint the Policy & Procedures Review Committee Chair. The Human Resources Committee Chair is to be elected by the committee and Council is to be notified of its decision.

Church Pictural Directory: Discussion will be tabled until next month. In the interim, Pastor Christine will send out some information for Council to review.

God's Work Our Hands Date/Project: Council discussed project ideas and dates. Pastor Christine will find out if Bethel is participating. Council members were asked to think of ideas for possible projects.

Pastor Christine's Interim Status: Pastor Christine reported that she has discussed her Interim status with Bishop Finnegan, who, due to a current Pastor shortage, gave permission to extend Pastor Christine's Interim tenure and delay Emmanuel's search for a permanent Pastor. After discussion, Bill made a MOTION to wait until 2025 to initiate the Call process for a new Pastor, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Revisions to Finance Committee Description of Duties: Debbie requested Council approval of revisions to the wording of the Finance Committee's Description of Duties, and distributed copies of both the current wording and suggested revisions. Jeremy made a MOTION to approve the revised Finance Committee Description of Duties, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED. Patti will update the website.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written.

President's Report: No report due to Terrie's excused absence.

Youth (Little Lutherans): Holly reported that the Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt went well. The Committee will be finalizing plans for Earth Day activities at its next meeting.

Learning: (Bill) Did not meet.

Endowment: (Jeff) Did not meet.

Fellowship: Joanna reported that the committee will be hosting a potluck and crafting event with CJ's Glass at 5:00 on April 25th. The next Bunco night will be Tuesday, May 7th, with a "May Flowers" theme.

Human Resources: (Joanna) Did not meet.

Memorial: (Cindy) Did not meet.

Outreach: Joanna reported that the Committee made and delivered Easter baskets to 19 of our homebound members.

Policy & Procedure: (Joanna) Did not meet.

Property: Jeremy reported that the Committee has received two bids for semiannual servicing of the furnace and air conditioner. The bid from our current provider, Menza and Zak, is the lower of the two but, because it's more than \$500 higher than last year's, the Committee needs Council approval to accept it. Gail made a MOTION to approve the acceptance of Menza and Zac's bid, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED. The committee is also working on other maintenance and repair tasks.

Stewardship: (Eileen) Did not meet.

Worship: Brianna reported that the Committee prepared the Sanctuary for Easter Worship and has since taken down the lilies. Chris noted that there have been some questions regarding the extra duties of ushers on Communion Sundays. She will prepare a write-up detailing the additional procedures and will email it to the ushers.

Visitation Team: (Pastor Christine) Did not meet.

Vision Team (Faithful Innovations): (Pastor Christine) Did not meet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine presented her report as written.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

Develop our Church Vision: Nothing to Report

ADJOURNMENT

Joanna made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Holly, MOTION CARRIED. Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:00. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary