

IMMANUEL-TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2019

6:40 p.m.

Attendance: Pastor Tom Meyer, Becky Skorik, Scott Roltgen, Shar Krueger-Raube, Gary Dilling, June Bahr, Bob Greenwood, Marie Scannel, Lori Jurgensmier, John DeMontmollin

Absent: Gary Dilling, Faye Gokey, Amy Bertram, Travis Moser, Aric Hamburg

1. Opening prayer – Pastor Tom Meyer
2. Zander Scannel: Fund raiser at Theisen Middle School for well pump system to aid people in Africa. He would like to sell bracelets at church. Proceeds go to Zander's teacher who will forward the proceeds to Africa to be used for new well pump systems. Motion made to allow Zander to sell bracelets at church on Feb. 15, 16 and Feb. 22,23.
3. Member concerns /Share God moments: Very good services with Pastor Sue. Confirmation of Madison Bertram was very special as well.
4. Motion made to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes. MSC  
Motion made to approve the January 12, 2019 minutes. MSC  
Motion made to approve the January 22, 2019 minutes. MSC  
Motion made to place the January 20, 2019 Annual Report minutes on file for 2019 Annual Report. –Table for Next Month
5. Financial reports: Very low giving this month. Nearly \$17,000 lower than expenses for the month.
  - a. Motion made to allow Faye to transfer \$822 for benevolence from the general fund. MSC
  - b. Motion made to approve the financial report for the month ending January 2019. MSC

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- Camera security system – update: Five cameras for a total of approximately \$2,600 to be funded from the memorial fund.
  - Motion made to buy and install the five cameras for a maximum of \$3,000. MSC

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastors reports: Pastor has been very busy, there have been funerals every Saturday in January.
  - Motion made to remove from membership by death: Betty Kuen MSC
  - Motion made to remove from membership by Statistical Adjustment: Sam, Abby, Sullivan and Hadley Schroeder, Sarah and J.J. Fitzsimmons, Brittney Lee, Mario Sr, Mario Jr Marcello, Givanna Romo. MSC
  - Motion made to accept into membership: Rich and Amy, Karla, Madelyn and Zachary Wagner, and William and Dixie Mauthe, Sr. MSC
  - Motion made to move Madison Bertram from Baptized member to Confirmed Member. MSC
  - Motion made to accept the following into communing membership: Madelyn Wagner, Lillian Christian, Anna McVeigh, Declan Solamita, Makenzie Weiss, Abigail Long, Vivian de Montmollin, Jake Raube, Zachary Wagner, Lexi Pagel, Ethan Pagel, Porter Mathys, Carly Schutte, Jackson Waldschmidt, Evan McVeigh. MSC
  - Motion made to put the Pastor reports on file. MSC
- Action Team goals for 2019 & Team building progress: Goal is for all the Action Committees to come up with their own goals and then transition these goals into the goals for the Congregation. Monthly reports will be required from the Action Teams.
  - Discussions on a creating a better vehicle to get congregational members to participate. The old system is not working. We need to get more congregational members involved.

\*Building & Grounds – Gary Dilling: Trying to maintain existing infrastructure. Goal is to do an annual building maintenance calendar and a monthly system maintenance calendar.

\*Worship & Music: Lori Jurgensmier: They had a meeting last month. Goal is to increase church attendance by 10%. Focus would be on increasing attendance at 5:30 and 10:30 services. Another goal is to try to get adults involved that drop off kids and do not come into the church. Another goal is to get more volunteerism passion at worship, and a passion for bible study.

\*Christian Ed: Marie Scannel as Council Representative with Amy Bertram also on the team. Handouts from Marie were passed out. They will restructure the curriculum per the ELCA recommended practices for Lifelong Faith Formation. Stephanie is also testing out other new curriculums including an electronic media format. Discussion about testing the kids knowledge at regular intervals.

\*Communication/Outreach: Travis Moser as Council Representative with Scott Roltgen and John De Montmollin also on the team. Goal to come up with a strategy for Web site and Social Media. Goal to update the technology of recording of services and to get the recordings on the web site and or through social media. Goals: Coordinate with Leanne for website and social media, with Norm and June. Goal to build a committee. Goal to get more congregational members involved.

\*Stewardship: Becky Skorik. Goal to come up with a new type of committee. Goal to prioritize the activities and figure out what Stewardship is all about.

\*Faith and Action: Shar Krueger-Raube as the Council Representative with Becky Skorik and June Bahr also on the team. The committee will meet in August. Thanksgiving has already been lined up for next year. There are about 15 members. Thanksgiving, loaves and fishes, three trees and crosses, and a brat fry are some of the activities that this committee organizes. Goal is to be proactive to make sure there are other members involved to take over future roles. Goal is to have a written form of activities, a smart book, and how they are done.

- Hiring recommendation from Executive for Administrative Assistant position: Motion made to allow the Executive Committee to offer Leann DeVries the Administrative Assistant position. MSC
- VBS – update – theme: Next week there is going to be a meeting to discuss.
- Book Study – 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings – attendance: Bob would like the council to be in this study.
- Strategies for move forward – What is God calling our congregation to be? A question for all council members to ponder.
- Discussion on council goals:
  - Goal: What resources do we have as a council. We need to pray as a council and a congregation.
  - Goal: We need to build on our strengths and resources as a congregation.
  - Goal: All council members and staff members to be in some form of a bible study or education.

8. CLOSING PRAYER- at 8:45 by Marie Scannel