

IMMAUEL-TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 11, 2019  
6:37 p.m.

Attendance: Pastor Tom Meyer, Bob Greenwood, Aric Hamburg, Marie Scannell, Amy Bertram, John de Montmollin, and June Bahr.

Absent: Shar Raube, Becky Skorik, Gary Dilling

- The meeting opened with prayer with prayer by Pastor Tom Meyer.
- Member concerns- none noted by council members.
  
- Approval of May 14, 2019 minutes - MSC.
- Approval of May 23, 2019 closed session minutes - MSC.
  
- Financial reports reviewed and approved - MSC.
  - Motion made to transfer \$500 to Pastors discretionary fund. This fund balance needs to be kept above \$250 to avoid charges. The fund is used to provide assistance to congregation members who are struggling, providing assistance with housing, gas cards, etc. MSC
  - Motion made to transfer \$650 to the benevolence fund. MSC.
  - Motion made to transfer \$5,000 from the bequest fund to pay the mortgage. MSC

Old Business

- Youth account was reviewed since it has changed from being kept by Christian Ed to Faye Gokey, Leann and Immanuel-Trinity account Susie will be keeping the account updated. The youth account balance and update were approved. MSC
  
- Action team goals for council members present were reviewed with the council members.
  
- Travis Moser has put in his resignation for council and vice president. Scott Roltgen has also resigned. Becky Skorik will take over Scott's position as secretary. The decision was made to discuss at the next council meeting if we need to replace the council members that have resigned.
  
- Buildings and grounds will be shampooing the classrooms prior to the start of VBS.
  
- Billy Walker has donated a tree in memory of his son and that will be planted. Dead shrubs will be torn out. New TVs are hung in all of the classrooms. Carbon dioxide detectors are placed in the gym.
  
- Communication outreach committee will need to be restructured because John de Monmollin is currently the only member.  
Christian Ed - VBS planning is well underway and going well. Committee is working on solidifying teachers and curriculum plans for fall.
  
- Faith in Action - Loaves and Fishes will be held on 6-24-19. Becky Skorik will again make the meals if people can deliver the ingredients.
  
- Council discussed ways to increase volunteerism within the church community. Discussed the possibility of beginning fellowship after worship services. Also discussed the use of worship assistants.

- A volunteer checklist will be created by the Building and Ground committee. Each committee will be responsible for updating the checklist and completing tasks that fall within their realm were not completed by a volunteer.
- Discussion was made that the Summer Slump is upon us and attendance is down, but financially we are doing better than expected at this time.

### New Business

- Pastors Report reviewed. Pastor Tom stated that Tom White has agreed to preside over services on 7-6 and 7-7-19 and 8-3 and 8-4-19. Both weekends are Communion weekends so an ordained pastor must be present and cannot be done by a layperson.
- The Rauen family (Jay, Tara, Ella and Lily) asks to be removed from membership. MSC. Grace Burkhart has passed away and also needs to be removed from membership. MSC
- Pastors report was approved. MSC
- Margaret Haak, the teacher for Strong Women classes, is asking to hold a yoga class on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 6:30 pm from 7-24-19 until 8-28-19. She has obtained a self-insured yoga instructor. The class would be open for current Strong Women attendees and interested Immanuel-Trinity women.
  - A motion was made to allow the yoga classes and to charge current Strong Women members the same fee that they pay for current Strong Women classes to encourage attendance. Attendees who are not Current Strong Women members will be charged the regular fee.
- Contract for Atlas security system is due for renewal. Motion made to pay the \$325 fee and renew the security contract. MSC
- Amazon has a program called Amazon Smile in which .5% of any purchase can be donated back to an organization. Purchases are made by using Amazon Smile instead of regular Amazon and .5% of each person made on this website is donated to a designated organization. This is something that can be set up where members can designate Immanuel-Trinity as the designee for this donation. There is at no extra cost to the person purchasing items but an extra bonus from Amazon Smile. The .5% that is donated by Amazon will be put toward the general fund account.
  - Motion made to set up an Amazon Smile account. MSC
- Amy Bertram asked the council if her daughter, Madison Bertram could bring her dog, Marley Rose, to church functions, including worship as an emotional support dog. Each situation will be looked at on an individual basis in the event that other people want to bring their dogs to church. The council responded in the affirmative. MSC
- The council meeting concluded with a prayer led by Pastor Tom Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Bertram, Council member