

IMMANUEL-TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

6:40 p.m.

Attendance: Bob Greenwood, Scott Roltgen, Pastor Tom Meyer, Pastor Sue Sheffer-Meyer, , Faye Gokey, , Aric Hamburg, Becky Skorik, Lori Jurgensmier, June Bahr, Marie Scannel, Travis Moser, Amy Bertram, Shar Krueger-Raube

Absent: Gary Dilling,

1. Opening prayer – Pastor Tom Meyer
2. Member concerns /Share God moments-
 - Lori J. heard a complaint that some parents were not aware of the Sunday School starting date. The date was listed on the website, during worship, and emails.
 - There was good feedback about Travis's article in the newsletter.
 - Discussion about Pastor's newsletter article. Pastor's point of the article was to not listen to rumors, but instead to talk to other congregation members and find out the truth.
 - Discussion about recognizing Council members during services so other congregational members and visitors know who to talk to if they have questions.
3. Approval of Council minutes
 - Motion made to approve the August 14, 2018 Council minutes – MSC
 - Motion made to approve the closed session minutes from August 14, 2018. MSC
4. Financial reports
 - Motion made to allow Faye to transfer \$775 for benevolence and \$40 to the organ fund from the general fund. MSC
 - Motion made to approve the August financial reports. MSC
5. Closed session
 - At 7:04 pm a motion was made to go into closed session with Faye Gokey to attend. MSC
 - Motion made to go out of closed session at 7:13pm. MSC
6. OLD BUSINESS:
 - "Growing in Faith" – Giving Generously – Gathering will be held on 11/11/18
 - Aric is working on videos.
 - "Reimagining Church" – Recap – This Saturday is the first meeting. Those attending are to do a recap of the meeting and bring to council.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastors reports
 - Pastor Sue discussed about the issue about new families not being recognized by the council or other members after services. She was concerned they visitors do not have the ability to get information about the church. Pastor Sue passed out a new informational handout that will be on the welcome table in the narthex.
 - Pastor Sue also had a handout about stewardship for next year: Connecting the Building Blocks of Seek the Lord, Serve Others, Share the Good News.
 - Motion made to allow the Building Blocks of Seek the Lord, Serve Others, Share the Good News as the basis for Stewardship next year. MSC
 - Motion made to allow the new informational handouts about the church to be placed on the welcome table in the narthex. MSC
 - Motion made to remove from members by transfer: Brian and Catherine Koepke, Myron and Chris Erickson. MSC
 - Motion made to remove by death: Jean Wendt MSC
 - Motion made to remove by Request: Carol Hankwitz MSC
 - Motion made to approve for Baptism: Julian McKinley Schuette and Scarlett Marion Nanna. MSC
 - Motion made to accept into membership by request: Tom Miller. MSC
 - Motion made to put the pastor's reports on file. MSC
- Fall Festival money counting procedure: The money counters will be doing the counting for the Fall Festival.
- Pump in church A/C duct sump – There has been water in the A/C ducts in the worship room due to high ground water. The architect has recommended the installation of a sump pump in the existing sump of the system to drain the excess water.
 - Motion made to put purchase a sump pump and install it. MSC
- Approve “Three Trees” – (God’s Work, Our Hands) to go up Nov. 7, 2018
 1. Angel Tree – Salvation Army
 2. Food for Thought
 3. Men’s/Women’s shelters
 - Motion made to allow the installation of the “Three Trees” on Nov. 7, 2018. MSC

8. OTHER

- Motion made to allow a WELCA to use the gym, kitchen and worship space from 8am to 3pm for the WELCA Oshkosh Spring Conference on April 6th, 2019. MSC
- Discussion on the creation of “Fruits of the Spirit” on the wall, which is a canvas art project that will be attached with clothes line and clothes pins on the wall.
- Motion made to allow the Fruits of the Spirit to be displayed on the walls outside of the council room. MSC

9. **CLOSING PRAYER at 8:10 by Pastor Sue**