

April 12, 2016
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
7 PM ILC Library

Beth called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Devotions by Melanie Carroll.

Faith story by Cari Larsen.

Secretary's report – Changed \$4,000 (Senior High Youth fundraiser) to \$2960.
Christi Woll moved to approve, Cari Larsen seconded.

Old business:

Baptismal font is not repaired as of yet, Northland Monument, the original builders, have abandoned the repair. A fissure has appeared in the stone, not repairable at this point. Their charge for the attempted repair is approximately \$16,000, all of which has been paid except \$5480. Most of the bill was paid by a designated gift. Jim Stokes, our old custodian, will work with a friend who has repaired swimming pools to attempt to modify our font, possibly by installing a liner of some sort.

Opening Doors capital fund appeal:

Executive council approved the go-ahead to start the permitting process for the new parking lot, since it is a slow process involving the city of Eden Prairie and the watershed district. The garden will stay in the same place this summer since the earliest approval would probably take until August. We will hopefully break ground for the parking lot project after the tent meeting on September 11.

We will put a construction oversight committee together, since there is no main contractor. Paul asked for names of members with construction oversight experience.

We are waiting on a couple of bids, one for a slab for the garage, one for lightboxes for the stained glass windows, one for a shower in the small bathroom in the Sunday School area.

Martin will post updates about the various strands of the campaign on the website. Ten home meetings will be planned during the next couple of weeks, informing members about the fine points of the campaign. Response cards will go out April 25, to be returned by May 1.

This coming Sunday the pastors will speak about the portion of the appeal that will go to Youth Experiencing Homelessness.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report – we are 4% ahead of planned giving. Attendance was up significantly in March, probably due to Easter Sunday. Budget-wise we are in good shape.

Social Ministry – Cari reported we hosted Families Moving Forward again, which went well. More help needed, of course. PROP had Minnesota Food Share month in March, looking for a freezer for PROP.

Childrens Ministry – Katie reported that we are in the last rotation of Sunday School. There are approximately 100 people helping to make Sunday School happen each week-thanks to all. Summer camp will be at Wapogasset, 16 are registered at this time. More families are requesting scholarships for camp; there will be a special offering for camp scholarships on the Sunday we send the campers off.

Worship, Music and Arts – Bob – Good Friday cantata was a success. Projection during worship was tried this last Sunday. There was some debate about various screen fabrics. A music filing system is needed. Pepper Publishing is updating their system, will donate theirs to us.

Properties – Brian invited us all to come to spring cleanup on April 30. Concrete repair- by the choir door- should be added to the parking lot project.

Youth – Scott urged us to eat at Buffalo Wild Wings next Monday, our youth get 10%. Garage sale is also April 30. Bring your castoffs in starting Sunday April 24. Senior Sunday is June 5, same as Baccalaureate. Middle school mission trip only has 3 kids signed up at this time.

Fellowship – Melanie reported last Wednesday evening meal is tomorrow. These meals were well-attended, a success this year.

Bill Hawkins-quarterly reports out this week. Benevolences will be sent out this week.

Paul – Council retreat 9:00-3:00 April 23 at Redeemer. Beth will send out a carpool reminder.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hammer, council secretary

Those in attendance: Beth Hansen, Mike Lindahl, Pat Hammer, Katie Thormodsgard, Scott Sabin, Christy Woll, Brent Apelt, Melanie Leite-Carroll, Cari Larsen, Brian Heinzen, Bob Peterson, Bill Hawkins, Martin Rathjen, Pastor Paul Nelson