

## **Immanuel Church Council meeting      August 8, 2017**

Attending the meeting: Beth Hansen, Pastor Angela, Martin Rathjen, Katie Thormodsgard, Julie Tufford-Olig, Brendt Apelt, Mindy Johnson, Wendy Wurscher, Jolene Held, Jody Ebert, Ruth Lunde

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Devotions were led by Beth Hansen.

Minutes from the Council meeting 6.13.17 were discussed. One change in the paragraph regarding Martin R: it should say "boosts our exposure" instead of "boosts our w". With that update, Katie T made a motion to approve the minutes, Jolene H seconded. The minutes were approved with the one change, with the vote unanimous.

### **President's report**

- Executive committee will meet Sunday 8.13.17. Topics include Haven house, Dedicated funds, and Long range planning.
- Regarding Tony's Long Range Planning committee, he seeks volunteers. Pastor Angela is willing to serve. Council members would not be eligible.

Financials. Beth distributed the financial report as of 7.31.17. Some expenses paid in July are paid ahead, which will help future months. The month of July looks good. Regarding the Year to date, it is negative (expenses higher than revenue), however it is better than the plan YTD. Seasonality is factored into both revenue and expenses.

### **Staff reports**

- Pastor Angela: a Thank you for Pastor Kelly was passed around, with Council members signing it. The PROP benefit Bingo event and Welcome Sunday were discussed. Regarding the sermon series, Ephesians is completed, with Revelations next. The Wednesday evening series will begin 9.13.17. On October 29 will be the Reformation celebration and Confirmation. Angela shared a picture of the giving kiosk at her husband's church. The book "Canoeing the Mountains" is recommended; regarding Christian leadership.
- Beth shared information from Pastor Paul: new cross in Fellowship Hall. 33 people on the Backpacking trip.
- Martin R: the senior high trip to Boston went well. Middle school mission trip included rafting. Many things underway to get ready for Fall. Looks good for Confirmation this fall, enough guides, 4 groups. Various communications planned on the Bingo event. Planning for a 2018 mission trip to Pine Ridge. Martin & Kim's daughter Rebecca will be married 9.9.17, so they will not be at Welcome weekend.

## New business

- Dedicated accounts. Tammy, Mike and others have worked on dedicated accounts. Will talk with the owner of each account. Will reduce the number of dedicated accounts.
- Opening Doors. Budgeted expenditures: \$654,520. Spent thus far: \$614,000. Expect to spend an additional \$19,000. Then the total expected is \$633,000. This excludes Redeemer and Youth Housing. Did not have the total pledged for Opening doors in the discussion.
- Youth Housing / Haven House. A house just purchased, with Closing on next week Thursday 8.17.17. It is south of the EP mall. It was listed for \$309k, offered \$298k, settled on \$301k. \$83k (of the \$100k) will go toward purchase. Tom Herzog donated most of the fees. Following the Inspection report, needed improvements were to be made. Next steps:
  - o Communication plan, after the closing
  - o Fundraising
  - o Some rehab of the house. City funds to be used. Hire contractors
  - o PROP Shop to provide some items for the house
  - o Decided not to apply for the HUD grant. It would have delayed the process. Email from Kim 7.12.17.
  - o Suggestion to plan a Blessing of the house. Perhaps invite the congregation.

Feedback on earlier communication, Youth Housing: No one from the Council had heard of concerns from the congregation.

## Updates from Council members

- Joleen & Brent – student leader training
- Jody – Dresses for Africa due in August. Book club 8.18.17. “Consider” sessions well attended. Instead of a Women’s Retreat, it will be at Immanuel.
- Julie – Good response so far for the PROP benefit. Tables of 8 kick off the weekend after Rally weekend
- Wendy & Mindy – planning food for Rally Sunday
- Katie – VBS went well, good closing ceremony Thursday
- Ruth – Tom Getchius to lead Epiphany choir

For Welcome Sunday, Council members to wear name tags. Council members usually usher.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Lunde.