

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014
7 p.m., ILC Library

John Urbanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions –Lorraine

Refreshments –Brenda

Faith Story-Christy

Motions:

Motion Made	Made By	Second	Outcome of Vote
Motion to approve February minutes	Paul	Janis	Motion carried

Action Items Assigned:

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Executive Council Reports:

Secretary’s Report – Gay Ludvig

- Review and Approve February Minutes

President’s Update – John Urbanski

- Luther’s Way deadline- March 14th at noon
- Constitution and Bylaws task force – Meeting March 18th
- Same gender weddings-There will be two more sessions: Tuesday April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday May 4th at noon. Questions raised will be: What if we do or What if we don’t allow same gender weddings? What are the implications of the decision? Sessions will be 90 minutes in length and open to a cross section of generations.

Vice President’s Report – Susan Geitzenauer

- No report

Financial Secretary’s Report – Bob Warner

- Finances are up and attendance is down, but Paul pointed out that last year two evenings of Lent were included in the Feb. report.
- There are several possibilities for people who will count each Sunday. Bill recommended that a meeting should be held with the previous counters and the new ones so that the variety of techniques (manual vs. computer) could be addressed.

Treasurer's Report – Brian Nichols

- Insurance is made in lump payments. The office equipment budget was over \$1800. The new logo required changes in the letterhead. Program expenses were lower.
- There is an extra \$5000 each month in the building fund. There is a three month cushion. There is \$600,000 left to pay off the mortgage; \$300,000 per year.
- In the dedicated accounts there is \$15,000 for mission trips. We are \$2,000 away from where we need to be. The audit committee needs to get together to get rid of some of the accounts.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism Committee – John Bleifuss

- There were 6 families for new member orientation. Orders for the Immanuel clothing are down. The question was asked when we last updated the pictorial directory. Pastor Susan said it was in 2011. Lynette wondered if there would be a sleeve in the next directory to put pictures of the new members.

Adult Faith Formation – Lorraine Maenke

- The women's group changed the Church Basement Ladies outing to April 10th.
- The men's cribbage tournament is this Friday.
- There were 28 women at the March 1st retreat.
- The Empty Nesters met in Jan., and Lynette wanted the soon-to-be empty nesters to be included in future meetings.

Worship, Music and Arts – Janis Cameron

- The focus this week is on the musical "Come to the Table" this Sat. at 7:00 p.m. and this Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. service. They've had a lot of rehearsals. Following the performances there will be a Service Fair sponsored by the Social Ministry Committee in the atrium.

Properties – Brian Heinzen

- There is a new bid on the LED lighting. There is additional lighting in Luther Hall. The price is up \$1400. If we finance the lighting, there is a long application. We could give 4 equal payments 30 days after the lights are installed. LED lights should use less air conditioning to save money. Excel gives a rebate which is \$10,000 off the price. And the cost of the lights should pay for itself after 2.7 years. Bill recommended taking a field trip to churches which have LED lights.
- Additional heat coils have been added because of ice concerns, and the water is flowing now.

Senior High and Middle School Youth – Brenda Tonjes and Christy Woll

- It would be helpful for committee members to sign up to give meals to the Erdmann' twins now that they're home from the hospital. Sign up is on Immanuel's web page.
- Teens will help with Easter Breakfast. A good will offering will be asked to pay for expenses.
- The youth are going skiing with Prairie Lutheran Church to Lutsen.
- The garage sale will be on May 3rd. Donna mentioned that the garage sale is a lot of work, and more adults are needed to price items. Twenty percent of the sales go to charity organizations.
- There is talk of a 5K run fundraiser perhaps during Sept. 13th or 14th.
- Sixty people have signed up for the mission trip and thirty have signed up for backpacking.

Stewardship – Paul Stordahl

- No updates. There will be more frequent communication about stewardship in Luther Way instead of just in the fall after pledges have been turned in.

Children's Education – Lisa Anderson

- The theme of Vacation Bible School will be "Gangway to Galilee."
- The Concordia curriculum is more appropriate.
- Camp registration is down from last year. However, the camp is right before the all camp weekend at Onomia which might affect registration.

Social Concerns – Sharon Peterson

- No report

Parish Fellowship – Lynette Gust

- Lynette mentioned that soup is being served on Wed. nights during Lent. The committee is currently serving homemade soup, but they may purchase soup some of the time in the future.

Staff Reports:**Martin Rathjen**

- No report

Bill Hawkins

- Bill reminded people to check their mailboxes to get information.

Pastor Susan

- Encouraged committee members to sign up for half an hour during the prayer vigil on Maundy Thursday.
- Consider whether we should continue to use the Narrative Lectionary or return to the Revised Common Lectionary. (The NL is a four-year cycle vs. the RCL which is a three-year cycle.
- There will be a conversation on the topic "Faith and Race" at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 6:00-8:p.m.on March 21st. All are encouraged to attend.

Pastor Paul

- Requested that we pray for where we invest ourselves in giving to grow in our faith.
- Stated that the marks of a healthy congregation are how it handles controversy and a great staff.

Other Business:

- Upcoming meetings:
- Executive Council at 5:45 p.m. on April 8, 2014 and the Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. The Council Retreat will be on April 26, 2014 from 8:30a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Prayerfully submitted,

Gay Ludvig,
Council Secretary

Attendance

P-Present, NP-Not Present

Name	P/NP	Name	P/NP
Lisa Anderson	P	Pastor Paul Nelson	P
John Bleifuss	P	Brian Nichols	P
Kim Brattensborg	NP	Sharon Peterson	P
Donna Bregel	P	Martin Rathjen	NP
Janis Cameron	P	Kirsten Stenoien	P
Susan Geitzenauer	P	Paul Stordahl	P
Lynette Gust	P	Brenda Tonjes	P
Bill Hawkins	P	Julie Tufford-Olig	P
Brian Heinzen	P	John Urbanski	P
Eldri Johnson	NP	Bob Warner	P
Gay Ludvig	P	Pastor Susan Weaver	P
Lorraine Maenke	P	Christy Woll	P

Income Report

See attached

Financial Summary

See attached