

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2015
5:45 p.m. ILC Library**

Attendees: Pastor Paul, Pastor Susan, John Urbanski, Brenda Tonjes, Brian Nichols, and Gay Ludvig

Absent:

John called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Devotions: Gay

Motions:

Motion Made	Made by	Second	Outcome of Vote
Motion to approve minutes from November	Brenda	Scott	Motion carried

Action Items Assigned:

Action items	Assigned	Target Date	Status

New Business:

- Capital Appeal Timeline|
The theme of the ILC Capital Campaign is "Opening Doors." It will start May 1, 2016 and extend through 2019. Pastor Paul, Martin, Brenda Tonjes and other members of the communications' team will meet with Jeff Kjellberg from Kairos on Dec. 17th. to discuss the timeline and plan how the campaign will impact Immanuel's congregation. With the financial support of Immanuel, Immanuel will open doors for our members as well as the Eden Prairie Community. The Council will decide at the January meeting what the capital appeal will look like.

Pastor Susan mentioned that Fellowship Hall needs new doors, and a way to close out the 5 for 50 campaign to end Immanuel's mortgage. Pastor Paul, John, and Brian Nichols will get together and e-mail the congregation about how close Immanuel is in paying off the mortgage. Brian will get the numbers to Pastor Paul.

Old Business:

- Congregation meeting and vote- Follow-up
John asked Gay to put the numbers in the final vote of the congregation to approve of the homeless shelter across the street from Immanuel.
- The congregation voted on the following three transactions involving real property.
 - Immanuel is authorized to receive the donation of real property from the donor. Yes: 159 votes No: 4 votes
 - Immanuel is authorized to sell the real property to a third party. Yes: 157 votes and No: 6 votes.
 - Immanuel is authorized to use designated proceeds from the sale of gifted real property to acquire the Luther Way property, or another property in Eden Prairie, for the purpose of establishing a youth homeless shelter. Yes: 147 votes No: 16 votes.
- A committee will begin talking to non-profit groups who might be interested in collaborating with Immanuel to house homeless youth. The bank already knows that Immanuel is interested in the property.
- The Nominating Committee has met once, and has begun contacting people to replace the Council members who are leaving after the January meeting.
- It was recommended that when contacting new members, it would be helpful if he/she knew when the Council Retreat in the spring will be scheduled. Having the Retreat in February rather than April might be better.
- Brian will request budgets by next Tuesday for the 3-4 committees that have not yet turned in their requests for 2016.
- The Thanksgiving service monies will be turned into PROP.

Reports

Pastor Updates

Pastor Paul

- He moved his mother today to the Presbyterian Homes located on Penn and Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington.

Pastor Susan

- She had a fabulous trip to Israel and Palestine from Nov. 3-13th. Her group of 16 people never missed a connection, never had bad weather, and they saw everything they had wanted to see. They are going to be presenting pictures and stories about the trip on Jan. 6th at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.
- She is wanting to raise money for scholarships for the Diyar Consortium. This group focuses on working with Palestinian youth a part of which teaches the arts to Palestinian young people so they have a healthy outlet for expressing their feelings.
- She is feeling more part-time since she returned from her trip. She has one Sunday off a month. The three pastors need to meet to discuss what they might do from 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. each Sunday to better serve the congregation so they don't overlap roles. The three pastors are also considering whether they all need to be present at Council meetings.
- Mary and Harley Franken, who are Immanuel members, have a 10-year-old grandson, Henry, who has a brain tumor, but they don't think it is malignant. He will be operated on soon, and they won't know if it's malignant until they see the pathology report.. Prayers for a safe recovery.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Council** **December 8, 2015** **7:00 p.m.**

- Executive Council
- Council

January 12, 2016
January 12, 2016

5:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Prayerfully submitted,

**Gay Ludvig
Church Council Secretary**