

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 April 8, 2014
 5:45 p.m., ILC Library

Attendees: John Urbanski, Susan Geitzenauer, Brian Nichols, Pastor Susan Weaver and Gay Ludvig

Absent: Pastor Paul Nelson and Bob Warner

John called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Devotion provided by Pastor Susan Weaver

Motions:

Motion Made	Made by	Second	Outcome of Vote
Motion to approve minutes from March	John	Brian	Motion carried
Motion for Kim to publicize requests for money for Camp Noah from the congregation	Susan G.	Brian	Motion carried

Action Items Assigned:

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New Business:

- Camp Noah trip-Kim requested money for transportation and will ask the congregation to contribute if they would like. People will be going in individual vehicles. Pastor Susan asked if the Executive Committee or Congregational Council ever pay for these trips.

Old Business:

- Same gender marriage: There will be two meetings on this topic: one on April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and the other on May 4th at noon. The pastors will give an introduction at these meetings, and have people divide into groups. One person at each table would be asked to take notes to give back to the council. Council members will be invited to attend one or both of these sessions. The topic would be “What are the outcomes if we approve of same gender weddings, and what are the outcomes if we don’t approve of them?” It is very important that people have thought through this process. Gay requested that it would be helpful for the pastors to get feedback on churches that have gone through this process recently to get a comparison.

Reports:

Financial Secretary’s Report –

- Brian Nichols passed out a financial summary from Bob Warner, since he was absent, that showed that giving in March is close to budget, but church expenses were 2.5% over budget for the month. However, most of the church expense budget variance is related to health insurance where the \$13,000 refund was budgeted. The building fund is short \$1,019.

Vice President’s Report – Susan Geitzenauer

- Susan wondered if the “Council three-ring binder” was necessary. She doesn’t use hers. MaryKay was going to put it together, but she hasn’t had time to do that yet. Susan continues to work on the Employee guidebook.

President’s Report – John Urbanski

- Constitution review task force update-John said that six people met to discuss the Constitution, and they divided into two teams. Each team was going to go over 10 sections of Immanuel’s Constitution and compare the changes in the ELCA Constitution over the past 10-12 years with what Immanuel has. The changes could be done in one meeting. Are the changes wordsmithing or are they more than that? Each team was to meet to go over their sections before their next meeting on May 5th.

Pastor updates:

Pastor Susan

- Wanted to thank Eldri and Brian for sharing their faith on Wednesday evenings.
- Said that David Anderson of the Vibrant Faith Group will discuss the spiritual type’s inventory at the Council Retreat on April 26th. In addition, Pastor Deb Stehlin will discuss “Evangelism by Conversation” to the Council.
- Proposed that we could talk about Immanuel’s Mission Statement at the retreat, and how it has worked over the past year.

Additional updates:

Susan Geitzenauer asked if the Executive Council could meet prior to the Congregational Council on May 13th instead of May 6th. She liked having both meetings in one night. The Executive Council agreed to do it in May. Susan also asked if we could comment on the book Missional Renaissance to continue the discussion from last year’s retreat. Pastor Susan said she would get more copies of the book for new members of the council to read prior to the retreat.

Upcoming meetings

- Council: April 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Council: May 13, 2014 at 5:45 p.m.
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Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Prayerfully submitted,

Gay Ludvig
Church Council Secretary