

September Executive Council Minutes
September 12, 2017
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Members present: Beth Hansen, Pat Hammer, Paul Nelson, Susan Weaver, Tony Szczepeniak (via speaker phone)

Tony gave devotions focused on love.

Secretary's report: Beth moved to approve, Pat seconded, passed.

Pastor Susan Weaver presented her letter of retirement, effective December 1, 2017.

Pastor's report: Tent meeting was successful, fantastic morning with great weather, wonderful music. The bingo benefit was a success, about 450 to 500 people attended, with excellent food and great camaraderie. We raised nearly \$4,000.00 for PROP. All our expenses will come out of the evangelism budget (approximately \$700). Opening Doors has a few loose ends to tie up, including better lighting in the Fellowship Hall, a camera for the parking lot, interior signage, the shower for Families Moving Forward, etc.

Memorial stories will be put into a journal, Paul is working on this with Claire Kooiman and Jennifer Urbanski.

Old business: Haven House grant (\$50,000 for remodeling) has passed at city council, talks with contractors are progressing.

Dedicated accounts discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

Long range planning: Tony is recruiting for the LRP committee from all age ranges (confirmed members). He is eager to move on with phase one, long range financial planning, when more members are in place. We will ask council for recommendations. He would like to set the date for the first meeting by the end of this week.

New business:

What does Susan's retirement mean for council? What is our role in this process?

How will this impact present staff?

Brandon, leader of Servant Song, will resign at the end of the month.

Beth asked if we would ever consider renting out our kitchen commercially.

Discussion ensued, many questions re: insurance, inspections, etc.

First same-sex marriage took place in our church August 30, two long-time members.

The meeting adjourned.

Pat Hammer, council secretary