

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2014
5:45p.m. ILC Library**

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

Absent: Pastor Susan and Bob Warner

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

Devotion provided by Pastor Paul

Motions:

Motion Made	Made by	Second	Outcome of Vote
Motion to approve minutes from April	John	Susan	Motion carried

Action Items Assigned:

Action items	Assigned	Target Date	Status

New Business:

- Families Moving Forward / Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative: The Immanuel Staff agreed to a one-year trial. Immanuel will host several homeless families from June 29-July 6, the last week in September, and the week during Christmas. Susan commented that she and her family had participated in this collaborative at their previous church. They prepared a big breakfast on Sat. and helped the children with their homework.

Old Business:

- Same gender marriage- next steps for summer:
- There will be an article in the June/July issue of Luther's Way that will summarize where the discussions have been. Last summer same gender marriage was approved in the state of Minnesota. Last fall the discussions at Immanuel centered on this is where we are as a congregation, and now we need to decide how this issue impacts us. John proposed that a task force of 6-7 people meet this summer and come up with a plan as to how the congregation will decide what to do about same gender marriage, and present the idea to the Council in the fall. Questions to address: will everyone in the congregation vote, will the Council tally votes and make a recommendation and what would the questions be on the ballot? If we include a "yes" and "no" question, we also need to include a "not sure" or "undecided" option. Not everyone will agree with the decision.

Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report – Since Bob Warner was absent, Brian Nichols shared the data. April giving this year was 47% more than April 2013. YTD giving is 11.1% more than 2013. Actual 2014 budget is 3.3% more than 2014 Budget YTD. Great news!

Treasurer's Report – Brian Nichols

- Giving was over \$7,000 higher than budget for April and is more than \$12,000 higher than the budget YTD.
- Paid out over \$50,000 for ELCA and Social Ministry benevolence in April.
- Received \$28,166 in contributions for 5 for 50 campaign in April. It's usually about \$20,000.

Vice President's Report – Susan Geitzenauer

- Employee Guidebook – update: Susan has met with Karin Travis and Craig Holje to decide what's important to be included in the guidebook. They thought a Bible verse at the beginning of each section would be appropriate.

President's Report – John Urbanski

- Constitution review task force – update: The group will continue to meet over the summer to compare the ELCA model Constitution to Immanuel's Constitution. Then, recommendations on the changes Immanuel needs to make will be proposed and voted on. For example, the ELCA Constitution states that pastors have a vote now at the Council meetings which isn't stated in Immanuel's Constitution.

Pastor updates:

Pastor Paul:

- Pastor Paul has contacted Eden Prairie's City Manager to ask what Immanuel needs to do to expand their parking lot.
- We currently give money away to Redeemer Lutheran Church, and we need to think of ways to expand beyond that for the next Capital Appeal.
- We need to focus on the signage up in front of Immanuel.
- We need updates on windows and projectors in the Sanctuary and Luther Hall.
- We need a storage area.

Pastor Susan:

- No report.

Upcoming meetings

- Executive Council: June 10, 2014 5:45 p.m.
- Council June 10, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Prayerfully submitted,

**Gay Ludvig
Church Council Secretary**

Income Report: (See attachment)