

February Council Minutes – Immanuel Lutheran Church – February 14, 2017

In attendance: Tammy V, Beth H, Mike L, Mindy J, Jolene H, Susan W, Angela, Cari L, Julie T, Scott A, Wendy W, Christy W, Ruth L, Paul N, Bob P

Visitor Jon Buuck Lutheran World Relief attended for the first half of the meeting.

Cari L led devotions.

Christy W gave her faith story.

Minutes from January meeting: small changes to treasurer's report suggested by Beth. Susan moved for approval with edits. Cari L seconded. Minutes approved with edits.

Lutheran World Relief – Jon Buuck was here to thank Immanuel for our partnership (we gave around \$6,300 in 2016). Pan Lutheran LCMS and ECLA are partners for relief work and sustainable development. Cari is going to look into whether we are still barcoding the quilts that were donated through LWR, and where our quilts that have been barcoded have gone. Immanuel was one of the churches who piloted the barcoding process for quilt donations.

Old and New Business: Brief recap of annual meeting. Greeted new council members. Sign-up sheet for devotions/treats/faith story was passed around.

Financial Secretary – Bob Peterson giving was flat was with last year which was \$7,000 off budget.

Treasurer report – echoed giving flatness and cautioned that we will need to watch actual versus budget going forward.

Staff Reports

Tammy V – Requested that council members check mail boxes regularly to authorize payments. Tammy tries to get checks cut before council meetings. There are also reimbursement half-sheets in your council folders, and green forms for deposits as well.

Pastor Paul Nelson – Family Camp is this weekend, probably not sledding and snowshoeing. Paul invited council to pray about giving. Opening Doors wrap-up/celebration will be this weekend. Community members have commented on how nice the new sign is. A video will be played in Sunday's service that was played at the January annual meeting, and there will be a burning of the old mortgage at end of services. Paul will send council retreat dates this week. They are receiving positive feedback on the live-streaming services.

Pastor Angela – Three "highs", 1) the manager at 4 and 5 asked the pastors to pray for the employees, 2) the Saturday night service was attended by the Pastor of the Wisconsin Synod church around the corner, and 3) she is grateful for the stepping stone just completed on healthy relationships for teens.

Pastor Susan – Adult faith formation going well, will be doing Luke during Lent. Germany travels will share coming up. Tanzania was extremely fruitful, sad and inspiring. Woman's retreat is upcoming.

Committee Reports

Katie (emailed report) Children's Ministry - camp Wapo sign-ups went very well. They ran out of space, but quickly made more room for the Immanuel kids.

Fellowship hasn't met

Christy - YMT next meeting is soon, to discuss youth rejoice on the 26th. Middle school mission trip almost full. High school mission trip has room.

Social Ministry hasn't meet. Tuesday is Props Empty Bowls at St Andrews.

Evangelism – no new business

Property – Brian has walked Scott through the building and highlighted the improvements and challenges.

WMA – Children's Choir membership is up quite a bit. We had a safety issue with our current risers. Looking for memorials and will look elsewhere. WMA is going to talk to Confirmation about joining some of their music talents for Sunday worship choir or musicians.

Close with Prayer.