

Executive Council
Immanuel Lutheran Church
October 9, 2018

Members present: Pat Hammer, Pastor Paul Nelson, Tony Szczepaniak, Tami Ehlers, Bob Peterson, Beth Hansen

Tami gave devotions.

Secretary's report: Tony moved to approve the minutes as amended; Tami seconded the motion, which passed.

Pastor's report:

- Paul Erdmann will come back to work this Sunday, gradually ramping up to full time in a couple of weeks.
- Two adult classes: "Faithful parenting in the Digital Age" and "Grandparents as Faith Mentors" commence this Wednesday night.
- Wednesday evening Advent worship services will include the Holden Evening Prayer.
- Christmas Eve service for travelers will be held December 19.
- Stewardship Sunday is November 4. Our stewardship campaign will include faith bits from members on the subject of generosity.
- Immanuel's donation to Camp Onomia was discussed, in consideration of information provided by Cindy Paulson regarding our increasing use of Camp Wapogasset and the financial impact of shifting funds from Camp Onamia to Camp Wapogasset. After discussion, Beth Hansen moved to shift our camp funds to Camp Wapogasset in increments, \$3,000 to Onamia, \$3,000 to Wapo in 2019, with all \$6,000 going to Wapo in 2020. Bob Peterson seconded the motion, which passed.
- Immanuel as a Welcoming Congregation: Paul presented two welcoming statements. One statement was preferred and will be presented and discussed at council for inclusion in Immanuel's web site.

President's report:

- The committee tackling the president's transition will meet next Monday.
- The Lioness' would like to hold a benefit waffle breakfast for Cornerstone in January. Bob moved to approve the benefit for this year, second by Beth, the motion passed.
- Council absences discussed. The bylaws state that council members should miss no more than three consecutive regular meetings without an acceptable excuse.
- Staff and church members are always welcome at council meetings as non-voting guests.

The meeting adjourned.

Action items:

- Portico Employee benefits package to be reviewed in 2019 (9/11/18)
- Notify Camp Onamia of our intentions to shift our dollars to Camp Wapogasset (10/9/18)
- Notify Sharon Peterson of approval of Lioness benefit (10/9/18)