

October 14th, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes- Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Present: Pastor Christine Olson, President Brianna Camps, Vice President Joanna Magrane, Secretary Holly Bayer, Jeff Hines, Cindy Smith, Janet Conklin, Eileen Beyer, Jeremy Sallgren, Jim Briar, Gail Sieglaff **Excused:** Allyson Bickel, James Porras, and Andrew Miller **Present to Report-** Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda- Brianna called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. in the conference room. A slight change was added after review by the council. Cindy Smith made a **MOTION** to amend the minutes, by adding questions about the upcoming Trunk or Treat. And Jeremy S. 2nd the motion. **MOTION Carried.**

Opening Devotion- Pastor Christine led us all in prayer. Jeremy read passage 1st, with Brianna 2nd, The devotion was from Psalm 46. Questions and discussion were followed, ending by 6:25 p.m.

Secretary Report- Brianna called for everyone to review the minutes, They were approved as written. 6:25p.m.

Treasurer's & Finance Report- Jeff Hines stepped in for Deb Villas; and read over the report, answering any questions. Some ups and downs in income vs outlays, calling attention to the \$100 increase in WPS bill, some yearly giving came in during September, but we are holding our own with income vs. expenses at this time. After a complete review of the report, there were no questions; the report was accepted/amended with a small change to one number.

Old Business- Brat Sale- The sale was held Oct. 3rd, and 4th, it was another success with good turn out, weather, and making business deliveries. Again the church members in volunteering and donating condiments were very generous, as were the extra giving from everybody. Jeff Hines read a report from Deb V. on the profits being in the range of \$1,800-1,900.00 made the two-day sale. Holly will send a thank you note to the manager at the Roosevelt Road Kwik Trip for donating 2 trays of buns worth \$19.98, on Saturday.

Meatball Supper- Will be held tomorrow, and Fellowship Hall is all set, as are the meatballs and food to be cooked on Wednesday, October 15th. Everyone was encouraged to invite and advertise this great fundraiser.

Pictorial Directory- (starting at 6:42pm) Brianna said member pictures will start with the first appointments on Sunday, October 19th; with Sunday, Oct. 26th to follow. She reported that 58 families have signed up so far, during services on Oct. 12th. Nursing Homes- Brianna can go and take pictures if needed, people can order pictures later through the link, so no pressure during the 5 minute appointments, Members can also sign up for an appointment through the link, using a QR code, or visiting the studio. We also discussed sending pictures to Brianna from church activities and events, so she can set up a file to use in the directory showing our happenings and events throughout the year, and during services.

Trunk or Treat- Patti suggested a possible rain back up plan, by having the participants enter from the front of building off 13th Street, walk across the narthex along a table lined area of treat tables and then exit at the back end of the building on the 14th Street parking lot. Either inside

or outside- Patti will have tables spread out, with church information on all our youth programming information, and to restock the candy. Holly B. made a **MOTION** to accept the rain/ inside & the treat trail, and Jeremy S. 2nd, **MOTION carried.**

No New Business-

Reports- Youth And Family Ministry Director's Report- Patti gave a brief explanation of the new children's after school program on Wednesdays, and it is already growing each week it has been going. It meets for one hour, with a brief lesson, snack, and craft. Her monthly report was accepted and written and filed.

No Youth Report- Patti filled everyone in on the wall mural that was completed by the youth, and it looks fantastic. Everyone is encouraged to go down stairs and view it, they worked really hard on the project. The youth also planted some tulips and daffodils around outside, so look for the blooms in the Spring!

Presidents Report- Brianna gave a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with Rally Day, and the new events that day, Thanks to Joanna for covering for the Sept. Council Meeting. Goals were discussed next; Faith Stories given during the services over the Summer began with Jim Briar in July, and Holly Bayerl in August. We want to continue it but change it up to the 2nd Sunday in coming months, due to scheduling. Nov. 9th is suggested, and Brianna Camps offered to do Dec. 14th. Some discussion followed about how we all sometimes doubt our faith, and aren't sure how we will be perceived. Much good sharing was had by everyone. The Council would like to have most, if not all of us share our Faith Stories, then lead into some of the congregation giving their Stories in the future.

Committee Reports-

Little Lutheran's- Patti reported that they met on Oct. 12th; the Noisy Kettle Campaign- Money collected for buying food for area families in need will begin Nov. 2nd, and end with the Blessing of the Food carts/baskets on Nov. 16th. Kids Christmas program will be Dec. 21st.

Outreach- Joanna M. reported that Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 31st, Coats for Kids has started- collection box in the narthex, Angel Tree will be set up Nov. 16th- Dec. 7th- as gifts need to be back for delivery, Food Drive will be Nov. 23rd-Mid-Dec. And goes to the Salvation Army, the Bake Sale will be Dec. 14th with cookies and bars being baked by the youth on the Saturday before- the money earned/donated will be given to the Youth and Outreach for their budgets.

Fellowship- Joanna M. reported they have been working on their budget, and have set Nov. 11th as "Bunco-fullness"-focusing on the food drive, the Trivia Night event is back- they hope to get teams together for Thursday, Dec. 4th at 6:00-8:00pm. At the Spirit House in Menominee, A new event will be Pickleball- learn it/play it! In January 2026, and a 'trip is in the works' for getting a group together to go to the Green Bay Botanical Gardens light display on one of their off nights. Hanging of the Greens was discussed; with starting the preparation for Nov. 30th to get the Advent Candle set up and out. The main church Decorating of the Greens will be planned for Sunday Dec. 7th.

Property- Jeremy S. and Jim B. reporting; first that it was a very long meeting; discussing many situations with Eric Menza of Menza and Zac about the Furnace, Chimney liner, venting and the hoods over the ovens, and dish washer that vent outside, and how all the systems interconnect. If we do anything; we need to first evaluate and get more information on how everything would need to be timed, especially the roofing issues, if the chimney is removed, and the inner liner vent saved. Air make-up and Air movement have been the big factors in determining what to do, with the chimney falling around it. Initial estimates can range from \$60,000 down to \$35,000-45,000; depending on what we decide is best moving forward with ALL the systems needing attention. The estimates of areas needed to be assessed after getting them are; the chimney, the gate needed to protect the area around the chimney and AC units, roofing and electrical issues. Jeremy reported that Eric M. will look at the chimney chase, and will give us a number, and idea of what we need to fix. Information gathering, estimate gathering will all be combined with timing, the weather, season of the year for each of these tasks to be completed. Judy R. will look into the Health Dept. regulations also, regarding the kitchen units of the oven/hood vent, and dishwasher/vent systems, and what we have to have as a minimum. We might possibly look at a Christmas Fund added to memorial booklets for "Warm the Church" to help with all the expenses, along with any available maintenance funds. No decisions were made, except to get an estimate for the gate around AC units, chimney area to prevent any potential issues.

Stewardship- (starting at 8:15pm) Eileen reported the last talk during services will be October 19th. The little white, wooden church will be set up during services on Nov. 9th; Celebration of Giving Sunday, which the committee will also host the coffee hour on Nov. 16th.

Pastor's Report- Pastor Christine asked if any questions from her given reports, her reports were accepted and filed as written. She then asked if we, as a council, would like to do pot luck before our December 9th meeting, starting about 5:30 p.m. All agreed, but we can wait on sign ups for dishes to pass. Thanksgiving Eve Service was briefly discussed, but no decisions made.

Gail S. made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, and Jeremy seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Pastor Christine led us all in The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Bayerl
Secretary, Emmanuel Church Council