

January 20th, 2026 Emmanuel Lutheran Church- Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Jeremy Sallgren, Joanna Magrane-Vice President, Jim Briar, Eileen Beyer, Holly Bayerl-Secretary, Brianna Camps-President, Allyson Bickel, Janet Conklin, Cindy Smith, and Gail Sieglaff (6:15pm), **Present to Report:** Deb Villas, Patti Treptow, and Judy Raygo, **Absent:** Jeff Hines, James Porras, Andrew Miller-Youth Rep.

Call to Order- meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m., by President Brianna Camps

Approval of Agenda- The Agenda was reviewed, with 1 addition " to elect new officers", Joanna Magrane made 1st **MOTION** to approve change, with Jeremy Sallgren 2nd, motion passed by 6:04 p.m.

Opening Devotion- Brianna Camps began with an opening prayer, Brianna by reading Ephesians 3: 5-12 with thoughts, and discussion continuing until 6:16 p.m.

Secretary Report- Minutes were reviewed, and accepted as written, Holly shared two thank you notes to the council for the appreciation gifts from Judy Raygo, and Debbie Lemery.

Treasurer's & Finance Committee Report- Deb Villas began the report at 6:20 p.m. She stated we finished the year good. She went over the printed report, covering the General & Dedicated Check Registers, and balances/reconciliations of each, she covered the October through December 2025 number of pledges vs. the amounts given, attendance remained about the same, with slight changes. A few comments from council members followed. Deb said that 88 pledges were received, 3 more than last year, with about \$4,000 in increases. Her reports were filed as written and completed by 6:32 p.m.

Action Items- Old Business-

2026 Budget- 6:34 p.m., Deb Villas went over the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, discussed and accepted; to be presented/voted on at Annual meeting.

Nominating Committee Report- Deb Villas directed our attention to the printed slate, everyone had a chance to read and review. **MOTION** was made by Holly Bayerl 1st "to present the Nominating Committee report to the members at the Jan/ 25th Annual Meeting", with Cindy Smith 2nd, **MOTION PASSED**, as printed.

Election of Officers(to Church Council)- Brianna Camps said she would not be continuing as President, much discussion followed, as Joanna Magrane would also be leaving her VP position, due to moving this summer. It was decided that Holly Bayerl would move to President, Brianna Camps would become Vice President, and Allyson Bickel would take the Secretary position, along with councils help to all new positions; at 7:00 p.m. a **MOTION** was made (By Cindy Smith 1st), to make these changes to officers on Church Council, and 2nd by Gail Sieglaff, **MOTION PASSED**.

Annual Meeting- Sunday, January 25th, 2026- It was discussed who would be counters, and that Fellowship would provide coffee and donuts, and tables would be set up front to run the meeting. One service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a short break to set up/coffee break Minimum of 50 voting members would be needed for a quorum/vote. Joanna Magrane mentioned that there was a script to follow for annual meetings.

2026 Fundraiser Calendar- After a short discussion, it was decided that Holly and Brianna would work on creating an online Google Doc calendar for events and or fundraising activities, and making it available to all staff, council members, and committees, so no overlap happens when planning begins.

Action Items- New Business-

Approval of Audit Committee- Deb Villas went over the changes to be voted on, stating that Kathy Bero was leaving her service on committee, and that Alyssa Bayerl would be joining Marc Jamo and Rachel Raygo on the audit committee. (3 years), as recommended by her boss, and that she would be trained to do audits with the other members. **MOTION** was made by Gail Sieglaff 1st, and Allyson Bickel 2nd "to add Alyssa Bayerl to committee", **MOTION PASSED.**

Youth and Family Ministry Report- Patti Treptow stated it was sent a few weeks ago, no questions, her report was accepted as written. Youth Rep. report- NA

Presidents Report- Brianna stated it was in the Annual Report, and she would read it at the meeting, on Sunday, Jan. 25th, 2026. Brianna thanked all of us for our support, contributions, and willingness to to serve, as needed.

Committee Reports-

Property- Jeremy reported that the situation with our kitchen hood, and chimney has changed since he and Judy Raygo met with the local fire department, as discussed the state regulations regarding changes and that if another council decided to move back towards use of commercial cooking hood, it would set a precedent for future renovations/etc. It is to reduce our fire suppression; so we will keep it until the furnace gets changed or replace it to code. After many questions/discussion, Jeremy stated we would have the same plan, as was voted on previously, but no connection to furnace pipes, (no good liner, pipes would need to be replaced, new liner, ½ way point). He said a master plan is needed for future building and maintenance. Calls would be made in Spring, probably after April 1st (after the freeze is out) that the work would begin.. In other matters- he discussed the use of ice melt, parking lot plowing, and the temperatures in fellowship room vs. the thermostat- not increasing the heat/warmth in the room (cold during council meeting)

Fellowship- Joanna Magrane said they met last week, Flannel Bunco was set for Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 6:00p.m., that soup cans brought in for next few weeks- to narthex, another Trivia Night at The Spirit House was tentatively scheduled for Feb. 12th, and another Bunco planned for March. They discussed working on activities members wanted, and alternating with Bunco and Trivia or other interesting activities. Sign up sheets will be out for all activities to determine interest.

Outreach- members are only Betty Kohrt and Joanna Magrane, so they are looking for more people to join. They are doing a Souper Bowl of Caring the first 2 weeks of Feb. 2026- to collect soup.

Little Lutherans- Holly reported that they met Jan. 11th, and discussed final plans for the children during the Jan. 25th church service, and Annual meeting; run from 9-11 with wearing jammies, games, movie, crafts and a light breakfast.

Pastors Report-as written, and sent earlier last week. Accepted as written (Pastor Christine- home sick)

The healing service held Jan. 13th went well, and went until around 6p.m., which will be once a month in the new chapel/old music room. Patti and Judy reported that Pastor had planned a bible study for during Lent, sign ups would be announced, when needed.

Gail Sieglaff made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, and Cindy Smith 2nd, **MOTION PASSED,**

The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Brianna Camps led us all in the Lord's Prayer.