

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council minutes

Council Members:

Cheryl Graham - President	Jill Richards - Vice President
Jeanne Smith- Secretary	Rob Anderson-Treasurer
Pastor Sandi D'Amico	
Donna Bellerose	Frank Canino
Lisa Gerlach	Larre Nelson
John Pietrella	Marlene Sparks
Rachel Stuen	

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- Mark Koehnke and Ron Porat, both on the Finance Committee, will audit the books for Immanuel.
- Building Update: At the May meeting it was agreed to ask the architect for new plans within the suggested new budget. John Pietrella reported that the architect and Case Construction discussed the new plans in depth.
 - Per the proposal, \$660K+ would cover everything on our priority list.
 - Per John P, the initial architectural fees would be \$100K. The design and drawings to go out to bid to construction firms, would cost about \$60K. Architectural fees of \$20K would cover construction administration, and the final fees of \$20K would cover the firm's certification to the town of Attleboro that all has been done to plan.
 - We will probably need an additional \$275K to cover new furnishings and incidentals such as a contingency fund.
 - The \$800K is to be funded by fundraising and a loan.
 - Larre asked "what do the 'experts' say about how much we could raise via fundraising and sensible borrowing." Rev. LiaBraaten said we should be able to raise two or three times our annual giving. Gerry Laurel of Mission Investment Fund said that organization would probably be willing to lend us up to \$500K.
 - John P suggested we use modular building units rather than constructing an addition for additional space for new administrative space and pastor's office.
 - The council voted to have Gerry Laurel of Mission Investment Fund and Rev. LiaBraaten of Renaissance Consulting, come and speak to the council and interested members. (That discussion took place in the church on August 1.)

We set the goal of sending out amendments to our constitution to the congregation by late August/September.

Office updates:

- Mark Shelton has been talking to Comcast about switching the internet and phone service to Comcast. The monthly rate for the new service is quoted at \$109 per month.
- The interface between the counters and the treasure via Office 365 has not been working. Lisa D said she will take care of the interface.
- Jeanne stressed that we need to get antivirus protection on the computers at Immanuel. Pastor Sandi had signed up for TechSoup.

Time and Talent Sheets can be found in the pews.

The goal of the council is to reach out to all committees and report back to council. Mark Shelton was added to the Property and Capital Campaign committees. The Social Committee is now the Serve Committee.

Pastor's Report:

- The New England Synod Assembly was a good experience. The Christian Leadership Day was particularly effective.
- Pastor Sandi shared that, when she meets with other pastors, those pastors describe their congregations only gathering for worship on Sunday. In contrast, the Immanuel congregation gathers in a lot of different ways and at different times. She also urged us to encourage others to be blessed by service to the congregation.

Mutual Ministry

- Mutual Ministry met as a whole about issues raised to that committee, then formulated a plan to address those issues.