

Vestry Meeting Minutes

1/17/23

The regular meeting of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of LaGrange was called to order at 7:02 pm on 1/17/2023 in person and via Zoom, as needed by vestry members by Reverend David Jackson

Present

Reverend David Jackson (Rector)
Diane Coutré-Clark (2025)
Carry Zaras (2024)
Dorren Gertsen-Briand (2023)

Drew Beyer (Senior Warden)
Terry O'Neill (2025)
Andy Dolliff (2024)
Mary Borge (2024)

Kathy Lampert (JR Warden)
Dan Mottl (2025)
Cliff Egel (2023)

Non-Voting

Judy Staiano (Administrator)

Randy Valenta (Treasurer)

Kathleen Valenta (Clerk)

Absent Leslie Stahulak (2024)

I. Formation

A. Minute of Sanity

B. Opening Prayer - Carry (next month Kathy)

C. Check-In

II. Information

A. Wardens' Reports - Coffee Hour needs a bit of help. Vestry members signed up but welcome any other parishioner volunteers.

B. Rector's Report

- a. Rev. David has been accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at the University of the South (Sewanee) in the liturgy track. He will be attending the June sessions in person.

C. POP Report -

- [Notre Dame Concert Committee Report](#)
 - Should we attempt to host the Notre Dame Choir? Vestry discussed - with the limited information we have from the organizer and the date proposed to us being October 29th. We do not feel this is an option for us at this time. The POP committee will contact ticket holders to inform them and ask them if they would like a refund or to donate the money back to the church.
 - \$6000 corporate sponsorship and \$12,000 in tickets sales
- As of the end of December, we had about \$36K in the FOC account. The amount to be held in reserve for ND, ticket refunds is about \$15K. (Still no word as to whether the proposed concert is really happening)
- Sounds in the Sanctuary Concert Series 22/23
 - Geoff Bradfield Quartet - Jazz – 01/20/23 at 7:30 pm
 - LTHS Big Band opens the show
 - Matt Ulery Mannerist 11 – Jazz – 03/18/23 at 7:30 pm
 - Pink Raspberry Cats open the show
 - St. Charles Singers – Choral Music – 04/22/23 at 7:30 pm
 - LTHS Choristers open the show

III. Discussion

A. Thank You cards

B. Budget 2023

A lengthy conversation about the budget led to a number of modifications in various categories. The final result was a deficit budget of \$14,995, although the Vestry believes that this is a conservative estimate and expects to do significantly better. Of note, the budget included money to purchase speakers for meetings and outdoor services, as well as allowing Rev. Dave to carry over his continuing education funds which were unspent in 2022. This budget was moved by Drew Beyer, seconded by Kathy Lampert, and approved in a voice vote. In addition, one modification was approved via email following the meeting after receiving updated information on the KAC, and that reduced the forecast deficit to \$10,495.

C. Notre Dame concert

D. Annual Meeting - table discussions

- a. Gratitude
- b. What do we envision for 2023?
- c. How do we make Emmanuel a place we all belong?

E. Feedback on 2022

- a) The vestry discussed how the previous year went. Membership and attendance have remained even.
- b) Some concerns are volunteer fatigue, the freshness of the building, and youth at church.
- c) What are some things for the future? Stronger bonds to the community, a new stove, and communal meals, maybe not shut everything down in the summer.
- d) We can make an activity calendar for the year.

IV. Decisions

A. Approve Minutes ([Full minutes](#))

Treasurer's Report ([Full report](#))

Summary of December Report

1. Operating cash balance of \$58,128 at December 2022 month-end, \$13,488 higher than the prior month.
2. General giving income for the month of December was \$47,505. December YTD general giving income of \$242,462 is \$11,312 or 4.9% over plan. Donations for window refurbishment are being separately tracked and total \$5,643.51 as of December 31 (+\$20 in Dec).
3. Total operating revenue for the month of December was \$51,355. December YTD total operating revenue of \$337,528 is \$47,418 or 16.3% over plan.
4. The total operating expense for December 2022 was \$35,068. December YTD's total operating expense of \$320,018 is \$33,201 or about 11.6 above budget.
5. The organ loan monthly payment of \$1,456 was made on 12/5/2022. As a result, the remaining principal balance on the loan is \$100,852 as of 12/31/2022.
6. The organ fund month-end cash balance in the Emmanuel bank account was \$64,338. Organ restoration and antiphonal funds contributed during the month were \$548 and \$17,551 respectively, YTD \$20,254 and \$79,091.

Motion to accept both - Kathy Lampert and Terry O'Neill - Approved

B. Approval payment to Weiler for organ tuning - (\$1,290.38)

Motion to approve - Andy Dolliff and Dorren Gertsen-Briand - Approved

C. The Discussion of the 2022 operating surplus ensued and it was decided to move \$6,000 into Major Maintenance, \$5,000 into The Endowment, and \$5,000 as a prepayment on the organ loan.

Motion to accept -Andy Dolliff and Kathy Lampert - Approved

V. Closing Prayer - Closing Prayer – Led by Rev. David Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.
Minutes submitted by Kathleen Valenta, Clerk