

Meeting Minutes
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Special Called | 6:30pm | Zoom.com | Purposeful Reopening: COVID-19

- I. Call to Order, *Susan Y.*
- II. Attendance, *Hazel D.*
 - a. Present: Susan Yeatts, Hazel Dalton, Keith Vinyard, Emily Prochnow, Steve Anderson, Sarah Kent, Allen Bode, Ron Schneider, Caroline Bower, Pastor Marcus Bigott, Pastor Kelsie Theiss
 - b. Absent: Linda Salt, Lindsay May
- III. Prayer & Devotion, *Pastor Marcus*
- IV. Approval of the Agenda with date of agenda and date of meeting minutes amended, *Susan Y.*

Motion: Hazel Dalton
2nd to Motion: Pastor Kelsie
Voice Vote: Approved
- V. Approval of the Minutes, May 5, 2020, *Susan Y.*

Motion: Pastor Kelsie
2nd to Motion: Ron Schneider
Voice Vote: Approved
- VI. New Business
 - a. Summer Day Camp – Cross Trails Ministry, Deposit
 - i. Discussion and Vote
 1. Donate the deposit, as our 2020 benevolence, in place of being able to host day camp for summer 2020
 - a. This donation will also mean that day camp 2021's cost will remain the same as 2020

Discussion: The amount of the deposit was \$500, the budget for benevolence to Cross Trails Ministries is \$1000.

Motion: Sarah Kent
2nd to Motion: Steve Anderson
Voice Vote: Approved
 - b. 150th Anniversary Celebration, Recommendation
 - i. Discussion and Vote
 1. 150th Planning Team Chairs, Donna Dodgen and Earlene Jarzombek, recommend to Council that the 2020 festivities be postponed, in their entirety, to October 29-31, 2021

Discussion: With the size of gathering that is expected for these events and the predicted second surge of COVID-19 this Fall, it is prudent to postpone the 150th Anniversary Celebration for 1 year.

Motion: Allen Bode
2nd to Motion: Ron Schneider

Voice Vote: Approved

c. COVID-19 Response and Updates, *Pastor Marcus*

i. Discussion and Vote

1. We are Better Together: A Plan to Safely and Purposefully Join Together

Discussion: The document was reviewed by the Council. The document is a version of the Synod recommendations for opening, which has been edited to fit the characteristics of our congregation.

Executive Council recommended opening the church for services on the 1st Sunday in August, with the congregation being surveyed in the next month to see if people plan to return to group worship, and which week of the month they would prefer to attend. Because of the limited seating due to physical distancing, attending on a designated Sunday of the month would allow for members to attend services in person and receive communion monthly, while options for online or radio worship would be available for the other weeks of the month.

Staff will return to offices on June 1st, and a schedule of working days for staff members was presented by Pastor Marcus. Small groups that meet, such as quilters and property stewards, can begin meeting on July 1st. The playground area in the church will be removed to make sure our youngest members are safe. Hymnals and cushions have already been removed.

There was discussion about how communion would take place. This document is fluid and recommendations for how to distribute communion and engage in group worship could change based on lessons learned from other congregations who are returning prior to ours.

Motion to accept Executive Council's Recommendation: Executive Council
2nd to Motion: Steve Anderson

Voice Vote: Approved

VII. Closing Prayer, *Pastor Kelsie*

VIII. Adjournment, *Susan Y.*

Motion: Sarah Kent

2nd to Motion: Steve Anderson

Voice Vote: Approved