

Minutes
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
Sunday, January 12, 2025
11:54am | Family Life Center | Zoom.com

- I. Call to Order, Rissa S.
- II. Attendance, Bryce K.
 - a. Present: Sheila English, Tonya Darnell, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Charles Jobe, Bill Salt, Tim Kent, Darlene Zies, Paul Sims, Susan Yeatts, Bryce Kennedy, Russia Springs, Pastor Marcus
 - b. Absent: None
 - c. Guests: None
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Approval of the Agenda, Rissa S.
 - a. *Motion to approve the agenda: Bryce, Darlene seconds. Motion carries*
- V. Approval of the Minutes: November 10th and December 8th, Rissa S.
 - a. *Motion to approve November 10th minutes: Sheila, Paul seconds. Motion carries.*
 - b. *Motion to approve December 8th minutes with a change to correct the spelling of Janelle's last name: Susan, Bill seconds. Motion carries*
- VI. New Business
 - a. Financial Update: Church & Day School, Susan Y.
 - i. Financial Statements & Accounting Overview/Review
 - ii. Approval of November & December Financial Statements
 - 1. *Note: Total 2024 benevolence payments: \$17,368. There are some cash offerings that will be recognized in the January budget that originally came in December, estimated around 6k.*
 - 2. *Motion to Approve November statement: Tim, Darlene seconds. Motion carries.*
 - 3. *Motion to Approve December statement: Sheila, Charles seconds. Motion carries.*
 - iii. Approval of 2025 Benevolence Recipients
 - 1. *Note: Total 2025 budgeted benevolence: \$14,700*
 - 2. *Note: Guadalupe Christian Counseling center will be removed as the entity no longer exists.*
 - 3. *Motion to suggest the following changes: Bill, Charles seconds. Motion carries.*
 - a. *Mission at the Margins and ELCA Global Missions will be removed because they are grant funded now.*
 - b. *The TLU Congregational Aid will be removed because it is funded by endowment.*
 - c. *Habitat for Humanity will be removed to Discretionary so we can more closely align giving with Seguin building projects.*
 - d. *Upbring is will be removed as their funding exceeds their ministry.*
 - e. *Funding Proposal:*
 - i. *Camp Chrysalis: \$1000*
 - ii. *Discretionary (will include Habitat): \$1200*
 - iii. *School District Requests: \$500*
 - iv. *Salvation Army: \$3000*
 - v. *Synod: \$5000*
 - vi. *Christian Cupboard: \$3000*
 - vii. *Edwardo Roig Lutheran Camp in Puerto Rico: \$1000*
 - iv. Benevolence Recommendations for January

1. Synod: \$420, Salvation Army, Christian Cupboard, and Edwardo Roig: \$400
 2. Motion to approve benevolence giving for January: Tanya, Janelle seconds. Motion carries.
 3. Conversation and Potential Action – Changing Credit Card Companies
 - a. *Motion to approve the following changes: Bill, Charles seconds. Motion carries.*
 - i. *Emanuel's will change credit card companies to Capital One.*
 - ii. *Jeni and Susan will:*
 1. *Evaluate spending structure and spending limits.*
 2. *An expense transparency dashboard and for faster fraud catching.*
 3. *Come back with a systemic credit limit and approvals plan.*
 - b. *Motion to enable credit card transactions for offerings that will include processing fees through Vanco: Tim, Bill seconds. Motion carries.*
 - i. *Note: If it is discovered that this changes banking fees for other areas of online giving, we will pause and re-visit this issue.*
 - b. Council Action – CD Reinvestment, Susan Y.
 - i. Muehlbrad CD (Seminar Support) Maturing at Edward Jones
 - ii. *Motion to renew up to a year, choosing the term based on the highest yield: Darlene, Bill seconds. Motion carries.*
 - c. Day School Board
 - i. Minutes included in the Council packet
 - d. Ministry Teams Updates & Potential Action, Rissa S.
 - i. Congregational Care – Susan Y.; Sheila E.; Tim K.; Janelle L-W
 - ii. Stewardship
 - iii. Education – Paul S.; Bill S.
 - iv. Worship – Rissa S.
 - v. Outreach and Service – Bryce K.; Darlene Z.; Tonya D.
 - vi. Safety – Charles J.
 - e. Staff Reports' Action & Conversation, Rissa S.
 - i. *Motion to approve a fund raiser for summer camp, VBE, and Puerto Rico trip: Tanya, Susan seconds. Motion carries.*
 - f. All Team Meeting Changes Recommendations, Rissa S.
 - i. March
 1. *Note: All Team Meeting moved to the 10th.*
 - ii. April
 1. *Note: All Team Meeting move to the 7th.*
 - g. Council Greeters, Rissa S.
 - i. *February 2 (Janelle), 9 (Tanya), 16 (Rissa), 23 (Paul)*
- VII. Reminders, Rissa S.
- a. Executive Council: February 5, 5pm, Office
 - b. Council: February 9, 11:45am, FLC
 - c. Any additional questions, comments, or concerns?
- VIII. Closing Prayer, Vicar Rudy
- IX. Adjournment
- a. *Motion to adjourn: Bryce, Sheila seconds. Motion approves. 1:46pm*

Respectfully submitted, Paul Sims, Council Secretary, 1/12/2025