

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Date/Time: Sept. 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Council members Gordy Anderson, Sharon Bestul, Tom Mason, and Leanne Homa; Ex-Officio Members: Financial Secretary—Randy Bestul; Pastor Mary Meierotto

Absent: Al Reedy and Chuck Perry

Agenda:

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Old Business

1. Freezer
2. Air conditioning
3. Annual Church Cleaning inside/outside
4. Bell—Al and Chuck

New Business

1. Request a check for Gertrude \$2,150
2. Defibrillator

Other Business

Next Meeting

Adjourn

Discussion of Agenda Items:

Call to Order: Gordy Anderson

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August meeting; Motion made by Sharon, 2nd by Tom, unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: no questions, MM by Tom, 2nd by Leanne, unanimous vote

Old Business:

1. Freezer: per Gordy--still not available—maybe by October
2. Air Conditioning: per Gordy—has been installed in the sanctuary, it provides cooling and heating, works by remote control, owner's manual can be found in the sacristy area. Installer, Jeff Pipgras discovered the wall the unit has been installed on has no insulation. The 10-year warranty will be in the name of Fred Faye. Gordy will complete the warranty card and send it in. Insulation can be added to that wall, so more discussions will be held at a later council meeting. Thank you to Gordy for organizing all this!
3. Annual Church Cleaning: per Leanne—still not complete but we are grateful to Tom and Deanne Mason who worked on weeding the garden by the parking lot. The back garden needs work—Leanne and Steve will work on that. Eve Erickson, Karen Novachek and Leanne will work together one day later this fall to finish inside work. Gordy mentioned the outside doors and their trim need painting. Volunteers are needed to paint.
Gordy and Tom volunteered to work on the ice dam damage over the south entrance door. Question raised regarding Judy Kerr cleaning the church and mowing the grass. Last bill from her was in June and paid July 1st. Update will be provided at next meeting as several council

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members will check with Judy when they see her. Gordy does take care of removing garbage—which has been less since the pandemic has kept us from our usual activities in the building. We are grateful Gordy still takes care of what is accumulating!

4. The church bell has been fixed by Al and Chuck so it is working again—great news! Thanks guys!

New Business:

5. **Check request for Gertrude in Malawi to attend seminary in Tanzania.** Her expenses as committed by Immanuel and Bethesda are \$4300--with our half (\$2150) to be sent to Bethesda, and the Immanuel/Bethesda money will be combined and sent to the Synod office in Chetek--who will then wire it to the ELCM (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Malawi) office for Gertrude. MM by Sharon, 2nd by Tom, vote unanimous
6. **Defibrillator:** Ours is located in the Fellowship Hall. We should probably mount it in a location easily accessible from the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. We should have signs to indicate its location. We should also have members become familiar with how to use it. Location and signs to be determined.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 5:30 on Zoom

Adjournment: 6:03 p.m. MM by Tom, 2nd by Sharon, Unanimous vote

Recorded and submitted by
Leanne Homa
Council Secretary