

Immanuel Council Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 832 9354 1222

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Call-In Number: 1-312-626-6799

Attendees: Pastor Connie Monson, Yvette Fleming, Mike Herrick, Jeff Stark, Chuck Perry and Leanne Homa; Missing: Diane Hall

Call to Order: 6:02 pm by President Yvette

Devotions: by Pastor Connie on Matthew 25—how do we extend hospitality

Secretary's Report: MM by Jeff, 2nd by Mike, vote unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Not Available

New Business:

1. **Review & Discuss Fellowship Hall Plans;** Set date to get congregational vote & we need to announce this vote for two Sundays prior to voting. No date will be set until cost estimates have been determined.
2. **Bethesda/Immanuel Potluck Picnic & Farewell Party** for Pastors Dale & Will now scheduled for Sunday, August 18th, at 3:00 at Little Sand Bay. August 18th will not be the best choice because of the Herbster Art Show and "Meet the Author" being held the same afternoon. Pastor Connie will check with Pastors Dale & Will and with Bethesda to see if we can still move the date to August 25th.
3. **We need a pickup-truck-load of wood chips for the flower beds.** Yvette suggested Eve has a pick-up truck and wood chips can be purchased at Isaacson's Lumber in Herbster. Jeff said he would help if they wait until his next trip up here.
4. **Gift certificate to Cliff Rantala** (a community volunteer) for all his help with the office expansion. How much? \$100 Gift Certificate, money taken from Memorial Fund (since this is part of Fellowship Hall remodel) with Gordo Anderson to decide which restaurant. MM by Jeff, 2nd by Chuck, vote unanimous
5. **Volunteer(s) now needed to compile a "Manuel of Operations":** for all equipment, procedures and "who-to-call" when things break down. This was tabled until another council meeting.
6. **Basement Bathroom** is now clean but not to be used. Signs are posted.

7. **For Your Information: Sunday, August 18th, “Meet the Author”** will be using our Fellowship Hall from 1- 4 p.m.—the Community Center was booked.

Old Business:

1. **Mission Committee:** Motion to form a mission committee who reports to the council. Motion made by Chuck, 2nd by Jeff. Vote unanimous. President can then appoint a chairperson to report to the council—Eve Erickson is our choice.
2. **Bill Paying & Check Book Management: Thank you to Eve Erickson who,** has volunteered to pay bills & manage checking account when Randy Bestul (current financial secretary) is out of town. Currently, Bev Steele has been paying bills while Randy is out of town and is giving up this task. Leanne, (also on the signature card), will pay bills until Eve has signing privileges at Bremer bank. Our by-laws require we have two people counting the money each Sunday, so Al Reedy needs someone to count the money with him. It is required that our by-laws be changed to reflect a clearer picture of the titles and duties for those who are handling the finances. Chuck Perry knows how to write this and Leanne will assist with this endeavor. The congregation must vote on these changes at the annual meeting in early 2025 before they will be “legal”. Suggestions include “Financial Secretary/Treasurer” (for Randy Bestul) and “Assistant Financial/Treasurer” (for Eve Erickson).
3. **Basement & Sacristy cleaning update: Thank you to all who helped this past Friday & Saturday: Yvette Fleming, Pastor Connie, Diane Hall, Roger Lindgren, Charlotte Calhoun and Eve Erickson.** The sacristy has now been cleaned, inventoried and organized by Eve & Charlotte. The basement, bathroom, and stairway have been cleaned and organized by Yvette, Diane, Roger, and Pastor Connie. Pastor Connie also washed all the curtains and rehung them. Pastor Connie volunteered to dispose of the tube lights. Some items will eventually be moved to the garage once the garage is cleaned and organized.
4. **Yard Work Update: Thank you to John and Diane Hall and Dave Paulson.** Dave cleaned out the leaves around the Iris beds; the Irises can now be thinned out. John & Diane Hall pruned the bushes and cleaned the flower bed next to the church air conditioner. Per Yvette, the three maple trees need to be evaluated and possibly trimmed or cut down; Jeff will contact

the county of Bayfield to see if they can send someone out to evaluate them. The Hokanson kids will bring their own lawn mower and weed trimmer to provide lawn service this summer. The ditches need weed trimming regularly. John & Diane Hall are willing to oversee the flower beds and yard work but do need one or two volunteers to help them with all the work. Volunteers will be recruited during church announcements.

5. **Office Remodel Update**—It's complete & the guys did a great job! We are so grateful to them for all the hard work and many hours they spent to make this happen! **Thank you to Gordo Anderson, Cliff Rantala, with assistance from John Hall and Steve Homa.**
6. **Thank you to Yvette, Eve, Charlotte & Diane** for cleaning the sacristy, the old cry room, hanging banners & arranging furniture in office.
7. **Thank you to Gina Emily** for donating the new shade for the office and installing it. Church is paying the \$146.50 for shipping & handling.
8. **New refrigerator/freezer:** The council can approve the new refrigerator/freezer up to \$2500, but the purchase will be postponed until the other upgrades to the Fellowship Hall are approved.
9. **Furnace Update:** repaired by Jeff Pipgras, from ALLTEMP Heating, who serviced boiler and installed new thermocouple--cost was \$164.58.
10. **Fellowship Hall Piano**—congregation voted & approved, on Sunday, to give it away. It will be given to Dave and Sandi Coates who will haul it away at their own expense. **Thank you to Dave and Sandi** for their donation to the Memorial Fund. And, **thank you to Owen Polifka who** has offered to bring his keyboard if we need music in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 7:30 pm