

Joint Immanuel/Bethesda Council Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2024

6:30PM

Zoom 832-9354-1222

Passcode 511-991

Call-In #1-312-626-6799

Attendees: Pastor Connie Monson, Diane Fizell, Linda Schneider, Jane Edwards, Darin Anderson, Paul Lundberg, Bob Eicher, Jeff Stark, Yvette Fleming, Mike Herrick & Leanne Homa and Randy Bestul

Call to Order: 6:35 pm by Diane Fizell

Devotions by Pastor Connie—reading from *All Creation Waits* by Gayle Boss—a beautiful and meaningful advent calendar/book

Approval of September 18th minutes: MM by Jane, 2nd by Jeff, unanimous approval

Pastor's report:

Thursday, Dec. 19th, Longest Night service at Bethesda at 7:30—watch the weather.

Christmas Eve Services, 7:00 pm at Immanuel & 9:00 at Bethesda

June 22nd—Joint service with five area churches at the Community Center in Cornucopia—followed by a potluck—plan on 130 in attendance

Financial reports: presented by Paul, Randy, Jeff, Mike and Darin:

Pastor's Connie's new pay package for 2025--worked out by synod guidelines as well as both churches and Pastor Connie.

MM Darin to adopt this plan for 2025, 2nd by Mike, unanimous approval.

Nancy's new pay package is a raise from \$22/ hour to \$23.50/hour. She works nine hours per week.

MM by Yvette, 2nd by Linda, unanimous approval.

Dec. 29th joint worship @ Immanuel with potluck following

Other business:

A reminder from the councils that Pastor Connie is a two-thirds time pastor and has Thursdays & Fridays off with Saturdays to write her sermons. Please respect her schedule unless there is an emergency or special event.

Next quarterly joint meeting date: March 19, 2025 at Immanuel.

Adjourned: 7:12 pm MM by Jeff to adjourn