

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020 5:30 p.m.

Date/Time: November 12, 2020 at 5:33 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Council members Gordy Anderson, Sharon Bestul, Tom Mason, Al Reedy and Leanne Homa;

Ex-Officio Members: Financial Secretary—Randy Bestul; Pastor Mary Meierotto

Absent: 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. Defibrillator—Chuck
5. Managers of Food Shelf
6. Budget Meeting for 2021
7. Insulation for Outside Wall

New Business

1. Nominating Committee
2. Shoveling

Other Business

Next Meeting

Adjourn

Discussion of Agenda Items:

Call to Order: Al Reedy

Secretary's Report: Minutes from October meeting; MM by Leanne, 2nd by Gordy, unanimous vote.

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

Old Business:

1. **Freezer:** per Gordy—are now available, but no rush to buy due to Covid-19 restrictions
2. **Air Conditioning:** per Gordy—the warranty registration was completed by Gordy with Fred Faye's name on the registration which adds an additional five years (original warranty is five years) to the length of the warranty. Thanks Gordy and Fred!
3. **Annual Church Cleaning:** per Leanne—still not complete, we could use a few volunteers to finish it up—most jobs will take less than an hour and the equipment for cleaning is already at the church. The complete list will be posted in the emailed newsletter for Bethesda/Immanuel. Judy Kerr has been hired to clean at least once a month. Sharon Bestul has completed the purging of the books in the Fellowship Hall. It looks so good! Thank you so much Sharon! Gordy Anderson has removed the damaged snow break from the roof above the back door to the Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much Gordy!
4. **Defibrillator**—Chuck will be hosting lessons on it, but he is currently recovering from Covid-19—I say—send prayers!
5. **Managers of the Food Shelf** here in Cornucopia (John & Diane Hall) will be done at the end of the year. Volunteers are needed to replace them. Emma & Liz at The Brick have been notified. We are so thankful for the great job John & Diane have done for this program through the years!

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6. **Budget Meeting for 2021**—a date is pending
7. **Insulation for the three outside walls of the church.** Gordy received a quote of \$5800.00 from Jim Gordon who can start next week. We have the money available and insulation will save money on heating expenses. MM by Tom, 2nd by Leanne, vote unanimous.

New Business:

1. **Nominating Committee** (Kris Anderson, Marcia Perry & Deanne Mason) will be searching for two church members to replace outgoing council members Al Reedy and Tom Mason whose terms are up in January. Please let the members of the nominating committee know if you would like to suggest someone. We would like to have nominations in place before the annual meeting which is at the end of January. As a reassurance during this time of Covid-19, the church council meets on Zoom. We have been meeting in the evening on the second Thursday of the month with a half hour of time designated to information pertinent to Immanuel and one hour (following) as a joint meeting with the council from Bethesda.
2. **Shoveling**—It's that time of year again, and even with fewer activities going on in the church building, it's still important to keep the sidewalks shoveled as a safety precaution. Al Reedy has volunteered to be responsible for the shoveling. If you are willing to help with shoveling when you have time, please call Al Reedy (715-742-3563) or head on over and just "get it done!" Thanks Al!

Other Business:

1. **The Men's Friday Breakfasts (aka the Romeos)** are now meeting over Zoom on Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. Call Gordy Anderson (651-927-9276) for more information.
2. **Kent Nerburn**, author of *Neither Wolf nor Dog*, will be speaking about Indigenous people's concerns at a Zoom meeting on November 18th at noon. Please check the church newsletter for more information.
3. **Our next Thursday morning book study** will begin on Thursday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m. with the book *Braving the Wilderness* by author Brene' Brown. Books will be available soon and can be picked up at the church for free if you are joining us. Please let Pastor Mary know if you want to participate so she can send you the Zoom meeting ID and password.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 5:30 on Zoom

Adjournment: 6:00 p.m. MM by Leanne, 2nd by Tom, Unanimous vote

Recorded and submitted by
Leanne Homa
Council Secretary