**Date/Time**: June 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Location**: Zoom Meeting

**Attendees:** Bethesda Council members, Paul Lundberg, Lynette Benzschawel, Jane Hauser and Yvonne Cox; Immanuel Council members, Al Reedy, Chuck Perry, Gordy Anderson, Sharon Bestul, Leanne Homa, Tom Mason; Ex-Officio member: Pastor Mary Meierotto

**Absent:** from Bethesda—Dean Rau and Ed Metelica; from Immanuel—all present

**Agenda**:

1. Call to Order
2. Check-in
3. Devotions
4. Secretary’s Report--Minutes from April 20th
5. Pastor’s Report
6. Old Business
7. Date for Joint Picnic—August 30th
8. Creation Ministry
9. New Business
10. Secretary’s Day
11. Reopening Church Indoors
12. Reopening Outdoors
13. New Young Fresh Eyes
14. Other Business
15. Next Meeting
16. Next Meeting Devotions
17. Adjourn

**Joint Council Meeting Report**

1. **Call to Order—**Yvonne Cox
2. **Check-in:** see above for attendees
3. **Devotions:** Yvonne Cox
4. **Secretary’s Report—**Leanne reviewed Minutes from April 20th; MM by Al, 2nd by Sharon, vote unanimous.

**Discussion of Agenda Items:**

1. **Pastor’s Report**

**1. Elder-care Lawyer**—15-20 participated online which is pretty good

**2. Bible Study on Hebrews**—on Zoom is doing well with good attendance

1. Book Study-- ***Beauty—****by O’Donahue—*good attendance on Zoom
2. Concern for those members not coming to anything
3. **Old Business**:
4. **Date for Joint Picnic**: date chosen is August 30, 2020 as the “hoped for date”. Mary will check on the park to see if it is open and if it will have water and restrooms available.

Councils will meet jointly for the next two months about the picnic plans. MM by Al, 2nd by Paul, vote unanimous.

1. **Creation Ministry and AMMPARO**—keep these on the agenda for next time.
2. **New Business:**
3. **Secretary’s Day**—Bethesda will match Immanuel and donate $50 to Ashley. Bethesda will provide a card and present it to Ashley. MM by Lynette, 2nd by Paul, Vote unanimous
4. **Reopening Church Building for Services**: per Al—maybe in September depending on the Covid-19 numbers. Per Lynette suggestion to wait until most tourists are gone—sometime in October. We will review at a later date.
5. **Salt Shaker Meals**—Bethesda has had one group meet, Immanuel is still working on organizing hosts and groups. First Salt Shaker groups to meet in June, and then mix-up the groups each month. Put this on next agenda as Old Business.
6. **Online church**—suggestion to try YouTube or Zoom instead of Mevo. Mevo is not reliable and cuts out. YouTube could be done anytime as it does not have to be a live service like Mevo.
7. **Reopening with outdoor church services**--Immanuel will discuss at the end of June at the Immanuel Council meeting. Some discussion of preparations needed—location--ball park by Community Center in Corny, speaker system, table as altar and candles etc., bringing own lawn chairs, Health Department requirements for spacing, can it be live streamed, perhaps hold this type of service on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning July 1st and what about weather issues. Gordy, Bestuls and Homas could help set up. Perhaps Paul Ehlers can set up speakers.
8. **New Group of Young Fresh Eyes**—young adults from Bethesda and Immanuel will be meeting once a month, for an hour, to get acquainted and discuss their ideas for these churches moving forward into the future and plans they would like to see implemented. Funding for their gatherings will be provided by a Thrivent card so they can meet off-sight and have some refreshments. Members so far: Ashley Georgeson, Jeanna Metelica, Fred & Kelly Faye, Susan Woodbury, and Mark Ludeking & Kylie Vadenis.
9. **Next Joint Meeting**: July 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.—most likely on Zoom
10. **Next Meeting Devotions**: Sharon Bestul
11. **Adjourned**: 7:21 p.m.; MM by Al, 2nd by Gordy, vote unanimous

Recorded and submitted by

Leanne Homa

Council Secretary