

Immanuel Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Immanuel
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Call-In Number: 1-312-626-6799

Attendees: Pastor Connie Monson, Yvette Fleming, Eve Erickson, Al Reedy, Jeff Stark, Randy Bestul, Leanne Homa

Call to Order: by Yvette at 5:57 pm

Devotions: prayer by Pastor Connie

Pastor's Report: Pastor Connie thanks all who attended the Justice Seekers event at Messiah Lutheran this past Saturday evening. Immanuel was well represented. Upcoming events are Sept. 25th AAMN event, Sept. 30th an event on the Indian Boarding Schools initiative, and a RIC event on October 13th. Also, open enrollment for the Portico health insurance plan for ELCA employees is approaching. MM by Eve to approve the family plan for Pastor Connie, 2nd by Al, motion carried. A compensation committee from Immanuel & Bethesda including Randy Bestul, Jeff Stark, Paul Lundgren, and Darin Anderson will meet to discuss how the insurance fees will be paid.

Secretary's Report: by Leanne, mm by Jeff to accept, 2nd by Al, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: by Randy, mm by Al to accept, 2nd by Jeff, motion carried

Old Business:

1. **Fellowship Hall Progress Update:** by Leanne to report Gordo was still looking for a commercial electrician. As of last Sunday, he has found an electrician who will start in a couple of weeks!
2. **"Cottage Meetings" Report:** by Pastor Connie to report that Gordo & Kris Anderson will host the next Cottage meeting at their home on September 25th at 4 pm
3. **Bible Camp Scholarships mission**--We need a committee to set up protocols for approving applicants, promoting the camp opportunities and raising funds. Pastor Connie will convene the Scholarship group to kick start the program and then the attendees will assume the responsibilities.
4. **The Sunshine Club** (originally called "Immanuel's Angels") will be led by Sharon Bestul. Discuss what is needed to launch this. Yvette Fleming, Al Reedy and Charlotte Calhoun have volunteered to help and the four of them will meet to decide on a list of how best to help and to find a drop box for suggestions and donations.

New Business:

1. **Justice Seekers Report:** by Eve who attended the event at Messiah on September 13th. It included a concert by Peter Mayer and there was excellent attendance with over 100 people from 6 local churches as well as others who were interested.
2. **AAMN (Allies & Advocates for Migrant Neighbors) Report:** by Eve, AAMN will be presenting a program at Bayfield Library on Sept. 25th as well as future meetings are planned for October, November and January. AAMN is about helping immigrant families across our area by providing resources and support to families who are left behind. Immigration attorneys and Spanish speakers are needed to help provide guidance.

3. **100 Who Care Report:** by Yvette and Eve who attended this month's meeting at the Wild Rice. Meals on Wheels was voted to be given the grant. They serve over 260 homebound people in our area.
4. Suggestion to buy a more up-to-date and efficient copier for the church. MM by Eve to have Leanne research and purchase a new copier for the church, 2nd by AI, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 5:45 pm, followed by Joint Meeting with Bethesda at 6:30 pm

Adjourned: by Yvette Fleming at 6:57 pm

Submitted by Leanne Homa, Council Secretary