

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Notes of Council Meeting October 08, 2007

Vision: Celebrate - Grow - Serve

I. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Paul

II. Devotions this month based on youth in ministry - For, With and By

III. **Attendance:** Linda Belmont, Cheryl Davies, Bethany Ekimoff, Dave Ekimoff, Carol Galskoy, Mike Herrman, Edward Huehn, Barry Kachmaryk, Kym Pettitt, Karen Sue Ross, Pastor Paul E. Shoop Bonnie Slack, Hannah Williams, Nancy Witmer

Absent: Kevin Cawley, Dave Derleth, Karen Keymel, Leslie Schwartz, Joel Shoop

IV. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the September minutes, Dave Ekimoff should not be listed with the nominating committee, Dave E. made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Karen Sue R., motion passed.

V. Life and Work of the Church

Fall Assembly of the Genesee Fingerlakes Conference (GFLC) was held on September 30. Pastor Paul and Karen Sue Ross brought back information and shared it with the council. There were workshops and information on various ministries within our conference. A representative from Immanuel is needed for a program called Mission Interpreters, the meeting will be Nov. 3 from 10 to 2:30 in Lancaster. Pastor has a flyer on this event. The spring conference assembly will be nominations for bishop election to be held and the next Upstate New York Synod Assembly in June.

We discussed the ELCA social statements. They are discussed and voted on at ELCA churchwide assembly. They are available on the ELCA website at elca.org

VI. All Other Business

A. Committee and Pastoral Reports

1. Pastor's Report

Pastor will be holding a class for new members 10/21, 10/28 and 11/4

Pastor will be away for continuing education 10/15 to 17

The Veterans have asked to take part in a service on 11/4

Pastor will be on vacation 11/9/07 to 11/11/07

Think of ways to include youth in your ministries

2. ACM Report - Joel is away, he submitted a report by email, he asked to highlight that the Car Wash brought in \$945 which will be used to help a family dealing with cancer, the Corn Maze was well attended

*** Adults are needed to drive for the lock-in 11/9 & 10

3. Treasurer - Nancy W. reported that we are still in the hole by \$17,000 this is more than last year when we were \$14,000 behind. Faithful giving can still balance the budget for this year. Two items of note for chairpersons *Be sure to use the church tax number, you should not be paying tax on church expenses and chairpersons need to sign the vouchers before they are turned in. Please relay this information to your committee and see Nancy W. if you have questions.

4. Financial Secretary - Cheryl D. reported the quarterly giving reports are ready to be mailed to church members, 4 people are now using Simply Giving if you would like a form see Cheryl.

5. Finance - Dave E. items are going forward that were presented by the committee, a letter about pledges will go out in Nov. or Dec., second mile giving will be presented as a temple talk and Simply Giving will be presented during a coffee hour. We have the money in reserves to cover expenses for this year but expenses covered from reserve funds impact our savings and are only a stop gap measure. We are now fully funding the programs that we have put in place.

Note: Kevin C. is working on a spreadsheet that will show 5 years data and have a simplified report, this should be available the first part of the year.

6. Chris Ed. - Linda B. reported that Sunday School is asking that the Stewardship event on 11/18 not interrupt classes, the committee has added Stephanie Volpe and is looking for another youth and other adults for the committee.

7. Communications - No Report.

8. Social Ministry - Women's retreat is coming up, Community meal will be coming to Immanuel in 2008, Pastor has sent the letter needed to the health department.

9. Property - Barry K. the committee is reaching out to anyone interested in the Garden Committee, they are also looking for ideas on upkeep and recruitment of people to help, one idea that came up was a chores list that people could take an assignment from also tying in with other committees.

9. Outreach - No Meeting

9. Stewardship - Mission Sunday is 11/18 and an email was sent asking for committees to create a display and have members available to meet with people, three panel displays are available in the office, please locate your display in an accessible area that will not disrupt the Sunday School Classes

10. Worship and Music - Karen Sue reported that they are exploring the idea of a music camp, Lyn Reville provided a great budget outline from last year, it is OK for the assisting minister to be in the choir as long as the prayers are done from the front of the church, Sheri Williams is looking into a new Advent Wreath.

11. Sanctuary Committee - met on 9/11 if anyone knows of historical items listed in the minutes to be different than what is listed let us know. Next meeting is 10/23, Chris Ed has sent members and information to the committee.

B. Correspondence

1. A member sent an email to Mike H. with concerns on the new liturgy. The information has been sent to Worship and Music. Any concerns with the new liturgy should start with Music and Worship and include input from the Director of Music.

C. Building Use

1. **Kim Cauley , Cub Scout Pack 474 - Oct 12, 2007 and every other Friday, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**, Motion to approve made by Dave E, seconded Linda B., motion carried.

2. **Amy Crosby, Girl Scout Troup 490, 7 pm on 11/2/07 to 9 am on 11/3/07**, Hannah W. made a motion to accept, Beth E. seconded, motion carried.

VII. Old Business

A. Nominating Committee, Linda B. has a letter ready to go out to a number of perspective member. A reminder was given to the committee that perspective members should be active in the congregation both contributing and communing.

B. Beth E. is still looking for input for the **Celebrate** newsletter. She would like articles from all committees. It should be a sharing of news to celebrate and will also create an on going history of these events.

VII. New Business

A. Nancy W. has reserved the Abby of the Genesee for a council retreat on Feb, 29th, 2008. The cost of the Abby is \$45 per person. Would the council like to finalize this place and date? St. John's Home in Rochester has offered space to outside groups. There was also discussion of this date conflicting with the Genesee Fingerlakes Conference LYO Winter Weekend and a number of sports events that other council members are involved in.

Kim P. made a motion that the council hold a one day retreat event at St. John's Home or a similar facility on March 8, 2008. The event should begin with a social component as in the past. Linda B. seconded the motion, motion carried.

B. The budget (ministry proposal) is progressing, we will have to adopt a final version by the December meeting. While there are some flexible costs in programs but the majority of the budget is in salary and benevolence. Our congregation is a leader in benevolence in the Synod.

C. Picture taking of members will begin in November.

D. Youth Funding - Linda B. would like to take time to discuss with Jr & Sr. High classes the value of stewardship in school, church and other ways. This would also be a time to let the youth know that they are valued by our congregation and understand how their events are funded 75% by budget without fundraising.

An additional question was raised by a Karen Sue, should we investigate a way to provide funding for senior events similar to youth funding?

IX. Overall Impressions of Meeting Celebrate, Serve, Grow - Good discussion on the importance of youth. Action item for all committees: Where are youth involved For, With and By your committee.

Pastor Paul, made a motion to close the meeting, seconded Beth E., motion passed

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Ed Huehn, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting - November 12, 2007 at 7:00 pm