

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Council Minutes for January 10, 2017
“Approved”

Bob Brems called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attending: Jim Williams, Lynn Valentine, Ed Bickel, Ernie Galajda, Tom Bowman, Pastor Bryan, Joyce Sees, Bob Brems and Lori Ratcliffe

Absent: Don Hawthorne

Pastor Bryan opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

Pastor Bryan witnessed on some of the experiences from the Christmas caroling in December. Pastor Bryan reported that there was a great turn out at Chestnut Crossing for the Christmas party and that they had several activities for the children.

Secretary’s Report: Ed Bickel moved to accept the December minutes, Jim Williams seconded and all approved the motion.

President Bob Brems reported that he received correspondence from AT&T informing us that they will be installing a new modem and there will be a special discount for the first two years. There will be a new modem number and password needed to access the Wi-Fi.

A DVD will be coming from Synod on Luther and the Reformation and will be reviewed and shown at a time to be announced.

Financial Secretary: Tom Bowman reported that Karen Andrew’s Profit & Loss net income (income for budgeted and non-budgeted expenses) for December is \$5,412.49 and year-to-date is -\$1,796.53. The shortfall of \$415.00 for benevolence for the year was paid from the general fund.

Tom reported that \$14,288.24 was received toward budget for the month of December showing \$3,379.48 ahead of budgeted income and the year-to-date shows \$10,319.05 short of budgeted income.

A thank you note was received from Chestnut Crossing for their Christmas gift that was half of the Christmas offering.

Committee/Ministry Team Reports:

Worship: Pastor Bryan informed us that Ash Wednesday is March 1st and that there will be a meeting soon to discuss the Lent services.

Stewardship: Tom Bowman stated that the contribution reports will be going out soon.

Property: The carpet was cleaned recently in the Fellowship Hall. The Men’s group plans to meet the first Saturday in February. They will plan to do some maintenance at the church following their meeting.

Mutual Ministry: Tom Bowman announce there will be a meeting before the end of January.

Education: Lynn Valentine purchased a spring series for the young children.

Old Business

The semi-annual congregational meeting called for December 18, 2016, was not held because a quorum of voting members were not in attendance.

Joyce Sees made a motion to operate on the 2016 budget until we have a congregational meeting to approve the 2017 budget, Ed Bickel seconded and all approved the motion.

Ernie Galajda and Ed Bickel are currently working on the Constitution revisions per Synod requirements to include changing the quorum requirements.

The next council meeting will be February 14th.

Ernie Galajda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Williams seconded and all approved the motion. The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori.