

Church Council Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church
February 12, 2019

Members present: Beth Hansen, Tami Ehlers, Paul Savereide, Tammy Vergeront, Twylla Vickmark, Jerry Martin, Bill Greep, Lesley Greep, Jeannie DeRemer, Cari Larsen, Brent Apelt

Thanks to Brent for treats.

Tammy Vergeront gave devotions.

Beth Hansen related her faith story.

Secretary's report: the minutes were approved with one spelling change, motion by Tami, second by Cari. The motion passed.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront introduced herself; she has been working with our custodian on his job responsibilities as he moves from part time to full time. The refrigerator has been repaired; a maintenance plan for kitchen appliances has been put in place. The old furnace over the narthex needs its heat exchanger replaced, we are considering repairing the furnace or replacing it. Insurance-our Property and Liability insurer is not renewing our coverage, so we have some bids coming in right now. The policy lapses March 5. Tammy explained (to new council members) how bills are paid for council-related matters.

President's report: Beth will address questions about the presidential succession in the bulletin. We may have a screen available for our next meeting. Handed out the annual report to all present. Beth walked the council through the budget.

Council members introduced themselves.

Financial secretary's report: Twylla's first report showed January's attendance slightly lower than last year's (1725 vs. 1753), giving was higher than last year but under budget by \$12,000.

Treasurer's report: Tami reported giving in January below budget by 13% but 9% more than last year's giving. Total expenses are tracking in line with the budget for January. The Opening Doors report showed that we have received 86% of our total pledges thus far. We typically don't collect all the pledges.

Another capital campaign is in the planning stages. It begins in July. Beth spoke on the rationalizations for capital campaigns.

Committee reports:

Social Ministries: Cari Larsen just met with the Social Ministries committee to plan the coming year, which looks quite similar to last year. Asked for a clearer picture of the capital campaign monies. Kim just updated the Social Ministry bulletin board, which is a good snapshot of where our social ministry dollars go.

Middle School: Brent Apelt thanked all for a successful Youth Rejoice worship last Sunday. Money raised has not been finalized yet.

Worship Music and Arts: Jeannie DeRemer met with the WMA committee last night. Ascension choir is growing. Bell choir is planning a special service in May to celebrate their 30th anniversary.

We discussed having a council retreat in April. Beth will pursue this matter with Pastor Paul.

The meeting adjourned (motion by Jerry, second by Twylla) with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary