

Vestry of Emmanuel Church
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2015

Present: Rev. Eric Thompson, Mary Pat Anderson, Jim Beyer, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Jen Enriquez, Penny Longo, Randy McKinney, Cindy Mottl, Randy Valenta, Jen Vince (Dorren Gertsen- Briand, Clerk and Larry Brongel, Treasurer)

Absent: Jamie Workman

- I. Come to order 7:08.**
- II. Prayer**
- III. Remaining agenda adopted and approved.**
- IV. Reflection and Grounding**

Evangelism – what does it mean to you? The list generated was:

Fear. Fundamentalism. Control. Pushy. Kindness to your neighbor. Welcoming. Preach the good word. Preaching. Recruitment. Mormon. SDA. Jehovah's Witnesses. Pamphlets. Growth. Condescension.

Fundamentalism originally referred to a group of people who published a pamphlet in early 19th C against modernity, Darwinism, calling for return to fundamentals such as the Bible, Trinity, person of Jesus , second coming, salvation through grace, scripture is pure.

Evangelism comes from Greek work “[see note on agenda]”, meaning Gospel.

Is there something in your faith, that keeps you coming, that can be made inviting to other people to invite them to come?

- V. Approve prior minutes as amended. Passed.**
- VI. Treasurer and Finance Report – Larry**

2 months worth!

January – has been accepted, so can just go forward with Feb.

February – ended with \$31,300 in cash.

- Flagship vendor for our charge cards has been cancelled because of charges.
- Pledges are steady, but cash is a concern because of forthcoming bills, March payroll, and big pension payment. Cash will be tight.
- Outstanding - \$1500 in snow plowing services – he was asked to hold off paying due to a problem with the contract. We were being billed for salt that wasn't in there. Rev. Eric not sure how it stands right now, but Jamie not here to answer. He will talk to him tomorrow.
- Old bills – Kim Gebhart had several hundred dollars for plants in the garden that she paid. Jamie has or had them. She has not been reimbursed yet. Rev. Eric will ask Jamie. Penny asked if they were pre-approved expenses. Larry said they were not paid. That is the issue.
- Account at Chase needs to be closed – Randy to do. Have to find original signors on the account.

Jim – in general, is it feasible that the budget could reach us electronically earlier?

Andy – we want to have reports a week ahead. Have Judy remind us ten days in advance.

Motion to receive the report. Approved.

VII. Team Reports

Parish Life/Outreach (Jen, Penny)

Those in charge of coffee are also in charge of locking up the church.

Can there be a kids' coffee downstairs, near hockey table – once a month hosted by the youth group?

Facilities (Jamie)

Stewardship/Finance (Rob, Cindy)

Education (Jim, Andy)

THRIVE – 4 who attend retreat and 5 on accountability team at church to get word out.

Meeting tomorrow.

VIII. Strike item 8 from agenda! Accidental carry over from last month.

IX. Wardens Report (Randy, Penny)

Wants a description of your committee, and its goals for the year.

Looking for suggestions for David E Weaver Endowment fund recipients.

X. Priest in charge (Rev. Eric)

Looking for three people to proof HR manual. Penny, Rob, Randy V. and Mary Pat accepted.

Good Friday offering customarily goes to diocese of Jerusalem partner. Do again? Yes, so moved.

Multiple monetary standards for using the church? Are we OK with that? Yes. Multiple ministries happening.

Rev. Eric wants to look at marriage policy and fee schedule and review it with vestry.

Proposal for model of lay chaplain training.

Rev. Eric loved the antique show! Need to build processes in it rather than dependence on capable individuals.

Two weeks ago Rev. Eric had email from Pastor Gerow saying she is looking for another parish. Hard for ministers – they do not personally belong to a parish until they give up orders. Discussion of differences between Lutheran and Episcopal requirements for ministers and their parishes.

Forming, norming, storming, re-forming!

XI. Adjourned at 9:47 with the Lord's Prayer.