

Vestry of Emmanuel Church
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016

Present: Mary Pat Anderson, Jim Beyer, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Penny Longo, Cindy Mottl, Marc O'Brien, Jean Owen, Randy Valenta, Jen Vince, (Dorren Gertsen- Briand, clerk and Larry Brongel, Treasurer)

Absent: Jen Enriquez

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06pm.
2. Opening devotion led by Rob Ekroth
3. Moved into executive session at 7:09pm. Exited at 7:34pm
4. Remaining agenda modified and adopted as such.
5. Prior minutes. Mary Pat read the December minutes. It was decided to review December and January minutes by email this week, in time for the annual meeting.
 - a. Jim I moved the vestry approve the e-motion regarding the increase in compensation for Rev. Ellen Ekevag. Unanimously approved.
6. Warden's reports
 - a. Senior - nothing to add from Randy.
 - b. Junior – Penny
 - i. Need new vestry clerk for next year. Please send any possible names.
 - ii. Susan Gerow will do Lenten series (she and Ellen to discuss how it is handled after the 13th of March).
 - iii. Coffee hour will be done quarterly again.
 - iv. Special thanks to outgoing vestry members Jim, Jen, and Marc. Would like to add Randy to that list!
 - c. Warden Reports accepted as amended.
7. Treasurers' report
 - a. 45k deposited this month, but over 50k spending. However, we did end the year in the black with 3600 left in checking!
 - b. Issue with how unemployment was paid to Rev. Eric has been sorted by lessening his Jan check.
 - c. BEDS missed its Dec payment, but Judy chased them down and we have the check.
 - d. 2400 paid for snow removal in Nov and Dec, and another two months due in Feb or so.
 - e. Did not write off checks for Fr Eric cell phone and Turn the Corner yet. Waiting for them to be 6 months old.
 - f. Got \$800 in tickets for Oxford choir by end of Dec.
 - g. Since Fr Eric has left, we have done a lot better in terms of pledge money. We need 20k a month to stay afloat. We are ahead of that.

Larry is to be commended for not hitting the line of credit! - Marc. Unanimous yes!

Treasurers' report accepted.

8. Emmanuel's Mission and Vision – how are we doing?

- a. Programming is on course.
- b. Statement should be on a banner, and all over!

9. Committee Reports

a. Parish Life/Outreach - Jean

- i. Not much to report. Dec was Christmas pageant.

b. Education - Mary Pat

- i. With change in service times, Sunday School will be between services and the youth group will meet in the afternoon.
- ii. No adult classes. Waiting to see what happens with choir because they are rehearsing when she would normally lead the adult class.
- iii. Middle school expanding to include 5th graders. 8th graders are moving into high school group. Ben desperately needs additional teachers. Make a plea during annual mtg. for 2 people to lead each age group. Randy asked Ben to make this pitch at annual meeting.
- iv. Service Sunday proposed dates are:
 - Jan 24th - Annual Meeting and Breakfast
 - Feb 14th – make valentine craft with Rachel in Create space and deliver to local senior homes?
 - March 20th - Easter Baskets for Quinn Center
 - April 10th -possibly spring clean up
 - May 1 or 8 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Service Sundays are meant for the whole parish, not just the kids!

v. Finance – the budget!

- 1. 55.5k shortfall.
- 2. Salaries for staff reflect increases.
- 3. Capital improvements is the roof. Paid 1500 deposit. Still have to pay remainder (we have in 2015 dollars).
- 4. Fundraising events are estimates.
- 5. No money for special musicians or replacement organists if George is not here.
- 6. 215k for pledge income is realistic.

Motion to put a link in the e-news to pages 1-6 of the 2016 budget (leave cash out of it on bottom of page.) Annual report being printed Wednesday and will be available in the office from Thursday on.
Unanimously approved.

Motion to accept the budget as accepted, including the salary increases for staff. Passed.

- vi. Building and Grounds report
 - 1. Trying to set a dollar amount on “future challenges”. Discussing ideas to Cloud fundraising for organ repair. Also, organ guild might contribute.
 - vii. Stewardship – reviewed list of open pledges to call.
 - viii. Creation Space
 - 1. Is steady. Doing well.
 - 2. Want more participation from Emmanuelites!
 - 3. Do we want to make it a 501(c)3?
 - 4. George has Joe Cisar as piano teacher. He currently teaches at a Wheaton college and wants to move his practice to La Grange which is where he lives. Joe Cisar is donating another piano to us and is paying to have it moved here.
 - 5. Mary Pat suggested for Feb service day we could work with Rachel to make valentines for seniors homes in community and take it to them.
 - 6. Housing needs for Sun, April 3rd in the evening through Tuesday at 9am for 2 choir boys together or an adult. Total of 22 beds needed. Hosts responsible for breakfast only, and transporting to church.
- Motion to accept committee reports was unanimously approved.

10. Annual Meeting

- a. Reviewed order of events.
- b. Need to nominate delegates for diocesan convention. Could also have parishioners run for diocese council (vestry for diocese) positions, standing committee, Bishop & Trustees committee (great group)! Also Deanery level functions.

11. Closing Prayer – Cindy

12. Adjourned 9:22pm.