

Vestry of Emmanuel Church
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2015

Present: Mary Pat Anderson, Jim Beyer, Andy Dolliff, Rob Ekroth, Jen Enriquez, Penny Longo, Randy Valenta, Jenn Vince, Larry Brongel (treasurer)

Absent: Rev. Eric Thompson, Randy McKinney, Cindy Mottl, Jamie Workman (resigned), Dorren Gertsen-Briand (clerk)

- I. Call to order 7:07
- II. Opening devotion offered by Andy
- III. Adopt remaining agenda – Decided to add presentation by Project Green. Adopted remaining agenda. Motion by Jim, seconded by Andy, passed.
 - III A. Project Green Environmental Solutions Inc.: Presentation by Freddy about saving on energy costs by changing to new lighting. Andy will follow up on the proposal and investigate cost. Motion by Randy V. to establish a committee headed by Andy D that will investigate and make recommendation by September Vestry meeting, seconded by Jim, passed. Motion by Jim to have an e-motion to approve the project if this must move forward prior to the next vestry meeting seconded by Jenn, passed.
- IV. Approve prior minutes – discussion reversing the order of minutes in E-news so most recent minutes are at the top. Mary Pat move to accept minutes seconded by Jenn, minutes accepted unanimously.
- V. Wardens' reports
 - Senior Warden (Randy Valenta)
 - Junior Warden (Penny Longo)
 - Sidewalk update- perimeter squares replaced approx. \$2,600 collected through adopt a brick campaign.
 - No help needed on Thursday night for Rummage sale but hands are needed for Friday during sale and Sunday clean up

Wardens' reports accepted unanimously.
- VI. Treasurer's report

- July – deposits a little over \$16,000. Expenditures of \$26,000. A deficit this month of over \$10,000. Diocesan pledge not paid.
- Our current forecasts project that we would end the year just barely ‘in the black’ (above zero bank balance) if we do not pay our pledge.
- Motion to accept Treasurer’s report with Thanks by Jim seconded by Jenn was accepted unanimously.

VII. Priest in Charge report

- Letter was sent out about continuing with one service at 9:00 a.m.
- Fr. Eric will invite Diocese resource for discussion on Capital campaign.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Stewardship report

- Two more pledge additions came in recently, putting our total pledge amount at \$242,796. This is total is unconfirmed with our pledge recorder at this time.

b. Parish Life

- Brat Trot coming up quickly, new event for children to walk or run as well as bounce house. Encourage everyone to participate.

c. Christian Education report

- Nursery Project - Zoey and Jenifer are shopping for the nursery this week and are working towards having the room finished for the Brat Trot.
- Adult Education is we think, ready for September. We are looking to using Rally Sunday for some leader recruitment.
- Sunday School --- no report
- Youth Group(s) --- no report

d. Finance

- No report

e. Building and Grounds

- Approx. 50 slates need to be replaced on the roof before winter sets in,

f. Arts Committee - Status report

- Development status of the concept was steered early on through a contact at the Quinn Center with Rachel Weaver Rivera, who is providing similar content for them.
- Rachel will be under contract with Emmanuel and a contract proposal is being formulated. Programming will move ahead and be developed from Rachel with oversight from Fr. Eric and the Vestry.
- Some ideas for programs include Spanish classes and art classes.
- Open house in the “Creation Room” so we can share our talents and artistic creations with one another.

- Music will be brought under this initiative; George has developed ideas on specifics, in contact with one group from England looking for a 2016 venue.
- Web presence will include links to e-mannuel site and FB page, and a separate presence under Emmanuel Creates!
- Looking into Vitality Grant
- Detailed plan for grant application, further Vestry understanding and general communication necessary from the committee

IX. Emmanuel's Vision and Mission –discussion and meeting preparation

- Eric in charge
- Vestry members to supplement coffee hour
- Send out reminders
- Youth group will provide oversight for younger children while adults meet

X. Rally Sunday, September 13 – planning and preparation

- Education committee will meet prior to the 13th to finalize plans
- Each ministry to have a table to share information and recruit

XI. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

- Jen shared a closing prayer
- Jim motion to adjourn Jenn seconded, approved.