

Vestry of Emmanuel Church
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2015

Present: Sr. Warden Randy Valenta, Jr. Warden Penny Longo, vestry members Mary Pat Anderson, Jim Beyer, Andrew Doliff, Rob Ekroth, Cindy Mottl, Marc O'Brien, Jean Owen, and Jennifer Vince (Larry Brongel, Treasurer and Dorren Gertsen-Briand, Clerk)

1. Executive session ran 7:00-7:40pm
2. Called to order 7:41pm
3. Opening devotion led by Jim Beyer
4. Remaining agenda adopted
5. Prior minutes not available. To be reviewed next meeting.
6. Wardens' Reports
 - a. No Senior Warden report
 - b. Junior Warden
 - i. \$5,000 raised for adopt-a-sidewalk-square
 - ii. \$600 more being discussed
 - iii. \$3,578 cost to church
 - iv. Suggest the vestry do a brick recognizing the staff
 - v. Nov. 1 coffee was Rev. Eric's day. Need a volunteer – Randy may do this since his grandchild is being baptized
7. Treasurer's Report – Rob Ekroth
 - a. \$14,000 actual rather than \$20,000 planned in budget so there is a shortfall. Diocesan pledge not paid as a result.
 - b. Pay Pal is a problem. No one is writing in the subject line so we cannot attribute payments.
 - c. Rob asked if Tower Chorale offered us any free advertising in the program pamphlet?
 - d. He also said the scamming of elders is on the rise. There have been several local cases. The Secretary of State does a program about this that we could offer to host. Jim Beyer offered to explore this.
 - e. Roof repairs – waiting for second and third bids. Rob suggests using line of credit to pay for up to \$10,000 of this.
 - f. Motion to authorize Building and Ground Committee (Andy and Tom) to move on roof repairs after receipt of 2nd bid, and to use up to \$10,000 from line of credit to do so.
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8. Emmanuel's Mission and Vision statement
 - a. Brief touching base. Everyone still likes it.
 - b. Complaint about tardy publishing of vestry minutes. Clerk will try to catch up.
9. Committee Reports

- a. Parish Life
 - i. Greens are ordered
 - ii. Other big events are done except for Christmas activities
 - iii. Thanksgiving Baskets being set up
 - iv. Music therapy for BEDS by Deirdre at St. Helena
 - v. St. John of the Cross youth group also looking into getting involved with BEDS
 - vi. Report accepted
- b. Christian Education
 - i. Looking for more teachers. Teachers do not have to be parents!
 - ii. Youth group rolling
 - iii. Adult education is finding an audience. Great lesson book, "The Transforming Questions". Easy to teach
 - iv. Suggestion to repeat this adult ed program in Jan/Feb
 - v. Can we use two responsible teens to manage the nursery without adult supervision? Have in past. Need to look into what insurance and Keeping God's People Safe programs require
 - vi. Report accepted
- c. Finance Committee
 - i. Trying to develop a budget. Need input from various committees please.
- d. Creative Arts Center Report
 - i. \$396 in September, \$262 for beginning of October. Registration fees go to the Church. Class fees get split 80% to Rachel as compensation for her services as an independent contractor and 20% to the Church.
 - ii. Jen will look into how scholarships to the Center are managed and write up something official.
 - iii. Looking for pianos! Discussed space available
 - iv. Need to print posters for Christ Church Cathedral Choir visit
 - v. Advent Art Show is Deacon Bill's baby. He is very organized. Cindy is making calls to support it. We need docents to sign up. December 5th there will be a reception for the artists. Show runs December 1st to last Sunday in Advent.
 - vi. Report accepted
- e. Stewardship
 - i. Vestry pledges due tonight, or next few days.
 - ii. Will use TENS language
 - iii. Need testimonials
 - iv. Report accepted
- f. Closing prayer led by Andy
- g. Adjourned