

Voters' Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting Call to Order.

Time: 10:21 am

<u>P</u>	Roll Call	Present (P)	Absent (A)	Excused (E)
<u>P</u>	Pastor Sullivan			
<u>E</u>	Dan Fager			President
<u>P</u>	Scott Karnitz			Secretary
<u>P</u>	Glenn Brunner			Elders
<u>E</u>	Brian Dax			Youth Christian Education
<u>P</u>	Greg Hlinak			Property
<u>P</u>	Lou Richard in for Jason Belter			Evangelism
<u>E</u>	Jack Novak			Treasurer

B. Opening Devotion/Prayer.

- Pastor opened with a prayer.

C. Reading of Previous Minutes / Agenda Review.

- MM and 2nd to waive reading of previous minutes and approve agenda, motion carried.

D. Membership Changes.

1. Baptism:

- Ember Helene Ashlyne Dean – her parents are Wayne & Ashley Dean.
 - This was noted for info only as this was a non-member baptism.
- Allison Ruby Kinjerski on July 29th, daughter of Brandon and Jamie Kinjerski.

2. Confirmation:

- Sabrina Ferron, Ben Dorner, Toni Bortolini, Aidan Gretz & Lily Greaves on May 20, 2018.
- Jodi Hanson Gillis on August 5th

3. Release:

- Hannah Bruechert - desires no contact with us.
- Delbert Buss – Lost contact, will be added to lost contact list.

4. Loss to Eternal Life:

- Laverne Koehler on May 30th, 2018.

MM and 2nd to approve membership changes, motion carried.

E. Reports

1. Pastor/ Elders

Mission: Reach out in love to our inactive members and work to provide for the physical needs and the spiritual enrichment of all our members and called workers.

Elders

Glenn Brunner
Scott Kieckbusch
Jeff Christian

Pastor's Report

- Membership Changes
 - Baptism: Allison Ruby Kinjerski (July 29).
 - Confirmation: Sabrina Ferron, Ben Dorner, Toni Bortolini, Aidan Gretz, Lily Greaves (May 20); Jodi Hanson (Aug 5).
 - Loss to Eternal Life: Laverne Koehler (May 30).

- Confirmation
 - Finished until the fall.
 - 8th – Cal Ihlenfeldt, Makayla Stauber
 - 7th – Destiny Gauthier, Jake Ihlenfeldt, Wyatt Richard, Braxton Riha, Miryssa Vandertie
 - 6th – Lauren Dorner, Addison Gretz
 - 5th – TBD
 - Pastor added he plans to switch to a new course that includes Bible history.
- Bible Classes
 - Sunday morning: topic - Scripture lessons for that Sunday.
 - Sunday afternoon BIC: Dale and Matt Bothe, Brandon and Brandi Clark, Jodi Hanson, Richard Kreuger, Traci Grosklass, Tom Schneider, Laura Sullivan, Joyce Goetsch, Glenn and Ann Brunner, Scott Kieckbusch.
 - Tuesday morning: No classes until this fall.
- Shut-ins
 - Myrtle Chaudoir, Carl Kuehl, Ethel Bothe, Joyce Kalcheck, Alvina Bargmann, Shirley Urbanek, Wayne Wodsedalek, Edward Jergenson, Roland Jergenson, Orville Kudick, Marie Mach, Louise Ihlenfeldt
 - Pastor added that he officiated the funeral for former member James Gayhart.
 - The service was held at Buchanan Funeral Home on Saturday July 28th.
 - He had been on the shut-in list.
 - Nursing Home: Wenzel Hrabik, Gail Bellin
- Schedules
 - August 6-12: VBS
 - August 12: Church Picnic
 - August 14-28: Vacation
 - September 9: Sunday school starts.

Elder's Report

1. MINISTRY

- a. CWCC: NTR
- b. Counseling: NTR
- c. Bible Study: We are trying to find ways of encouraging Bible Study.
- d. Planned Giving:
 - i. We are trying to encourage members to pay attention to the Planned Giving Table hoping to encourage contributions to items on the table. We are interested in ideas that might encourage this.
 - ii. Planning to produce videos for pre-service display.
 - A comment was expressed that the video shown today was well done.
 - Lou Richard commented that Wayne Kittel was to thank as well.
 - Lou added the picture with heart used in the video represents charity, and that symbol is in one of the windows going up the stairs to the CC meeting room.
 - Lou added that all boards need to look at the table and check costs for accuracy and revise numbers accordingly.
- e. Alms Program: April: (Immanuel's Youth Rally - \$180.13), May: (Military Services - \$145.00, June: (Campus Ministry - \$142.00)

2. WORSHIP

- a. We are seeking ways to enhance our services, such as using the Lord's Prayer and Apostle's Creed set to music. Opinions?
 - Glenn added he would love to hear any input anyone would have.
- b. A Saturday church service is under consideration. A final decision will not be made until adequate input from the congregation is reached.
 - i. Only three members have committed to attend.
 - ii. Must consider work requirements: Pastor, organist, altar guild, ushering, collections, etc.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. We well into our second year of our four-year program. This program consists of:
 - i. Continuing to send monthly devotionals to all inactive members,
 - ii. Continuing to send out monthly outreach letters,
 - iii. Sending a quarterly encouragement letter (new for this year),
 - iv. Sending a second encouragement letter to out of area members who have not yet requested a transfer to a church local to where they live,
 - v. Sending a visitation request letter (new for this year).
- b. We have set a policy for dropping from church active rolls those adults (18 years and older) who are not confirmed and inactive and children living out of area with out of area inactive adults.
 - i. Drop Delbert Buss - Lost Contact
 - ii. Drop/Release - Hannah Bruechert - desires no contact with us.

Recommendations for Church Council/ Voters

1. Remove Delbert Buss and Hannah Bruechert from the active roll.
2. Consider three-month trial of conducting a Saturday service.

G. Other Business / Information

1. Next Elder's Meeting: August 9, 2018

Glenn Brunner
Board of Elders

2. Youth Christian Education

- Pastor commented on the workshops presented at the 2018 Youth Rally "Never Alone".
 - Depression, bullying, suicide.
- He hopes to link the video presented by Stephen and Sarah Schroeder to Immanuel's FB page.
 - Stephen, a Black Hawk helicopter pilot and WELS pastor for a short time, was in a serious Blackhawk helicopter accident.

3. Property

Goal: To keep Immanuel property in good repair and keep the membership informed of our plans and progress.

Slogan: Hard working

Motto: Progress

Bible passage: The men in charge of the work were diligent, and the work progressed under them. They built the temple of GOD according to its original design and reinforced it.
(2 Chronicles 24:13)

Members: Fred Steffen, Steve Ihlenfeldt, Bucky Ihlenfeldt, Jason Karnopp, Paul Nimmer, Pastor Michael Sullivan, and Greg Hlinak (Chair).

Project Goals for 2018:

Parsonage flooring
Secretary office window replacement
Electronic Access system
Door exit bar replacement at the Family Life Center
Heater unit for the "Bat Cave"

Voters News:

* The secretary's office window replacement project has been completed this spring season by Gretz Carpentry. The cost came within budget and all suspected rotten wood claims within the walls were unfounded.

*A planned flooring replacement project of the parsonage has been scheduled for August when Pastor and family are on vacation. The entire floor covering will be replaced by Wiesner & Massart at a cost of \$6,902.00. When pastor and his family return from vacation they will be treated to a nicely finished floor appearance.

*The heating and air conditioning units on top of the Family Life Center gym are currently under repair as they were found to be rusting badly, sooted up and in need of extensive repair. The units are a common type and it is expected parts are available. Lakeshore Heating and Cooling is doing the repair work and is expected not to be too costly.

*Roof damage has been discovered to the gym roof just above the main entrance. The roofing panel has lifted, and the gutter system torn away from the building panel. Buhr Construction Company who has done work for us before, has been contacted to investigate work that is necessary to fix the problem. Stand by for further developments.

- Greg added that he believes this damage may have been caused by excessive snow from the mid-April storm we had.
 - Greg added he will discuss this with Jack if insurance would cover repair costs.
 - Lou Richard commented that Athletic Fund money is also available.
 - Until then, the board will hold off on original goals.
- Greg also fielded a question that the leak in the middle of the FLC entrance, was rather caused by one of the heat exchanger units on the roof.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory J. Hlinak
You're hard working property board
07/28/2018

4. Evangelism

- Lou Richard commented on the upcoming website change that Ian Welch was contracted to do.
 - Some discussion entailed regarding hosting fees and domain name renewal costs.
- Pastor commented on Finalweb usage and Office 365 questions that were presented with respect to member usage and costs.
- Lou Richard asked that FB users like and share the Church Picnic info posted on FB.
 - Ruth Siegmund commented she received \$250 from Thrivent for picnic costs.
- Lou commented that a family from Texas who were not WELS members, were in church on 7/15/18. They saw Immanuel's article in the Chamber Directory.

5. Committee Reports

- Dick Stueb's commented that the bike ride was changed to October 13th.
 - Sign up as soon as possible.
 - Food now being catered in, will need head count by mid-September.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Glenn reviewed the items on the report.

MM and 2nd to approve all reports, motion carried.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Church Picnic – Aug. 12th
 - Indoor service with picnic on sight. All boards will be involved including Ladies Aid and Men's Club. Jason will order a bouncy house and a tent. Open to the community. Free-will offering. VBS families invited.
 - Comment-will be potluck, meat will be provided.
2. Pre-K educational program
 - Meeting was held June 19 to discuss the survey and questions.
 - Exploratory Committee is making phone calls.
 - Glenn commented that he was called.
3. Bus transportation to St. Paul's 2019-2020-assigned to YCE.
 - A letter will need to be drafted by St. Paul stating their school is the Federation grade school for Immanuel AND a written request will need to be submitted to the Kewaunee School District by May 1st for any bus transportation needs.

G. New Business/Recommendations of Church Council

1. Remove the following members from the active church membership roll:
 - a. Delbert Buss - Lost Contact
 - b. Hannah Bruechert - desires no contact with church (18 years old, not confirmed)
 - Covered under membership changes.
2. Saturday vs. Monday service.
 - a. Hold 3 monthly trial devotional services with Communion on the first Saturday of the month, starting in September. Would need to have consistent attendance by inactive members and will be reviewed in January 2019.
 - Voters meeting comments:
 - There would still be Monday night services.
 - Pastor added he will do the first service because of being on vacation.

- Would give Pastor Kratz a break. Pastor Kratz currently does not wish to plan beyond March 2019.
 - Service would be abridged with communion, like the shut-in order of service.
 - Could get by without organist and ushers if only a few people.
 - Will be held on Saturday of 1st communion Sunday of each month.
 - Info will be sent to inactive's via the monthly letter currently being sent to them.
 - A question was addressed regarding heating the church for 3-4 people.
 - Can be reviewed at October's Voters meeting.
 - Will have had 2 services by that time.
 - Could hold the service in a smaller area such as one of the classrooms.
 - Monday night services average 10-30 people, less in winter.
3. Immanuel Children's Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm.
- a. St. Paul's Algoma is 4 pm.
 - Pastor commented that St. Paul's time is what is being recommended and not yet official.
 - b. Immanuel's Candlelight Service at 7:30 pm
4. Glenn shared Presidents notes he received via email from Dan.
- Encourage participation in activities
 - July newsletter is out, please read and share the info.
 - Nomination Committee needs more volunteers.
 - MLHS corn picking on August 4th, selling on August 5th.
 - Greenleaf area, contact Dan if you wish to pick.
 - Presidents meetings.
 - School Choice, state vouchers are available, only 1/3 of MLHS students are using.
 - Fewer families sending children to MLHS is a concern.

H. Information

- 1. August 6th-12th – Vacation Bible School
- 2. August 12th – Church Picnic
- 3. August 14-28 – Sullivan Family Vacation
- 4. September 9 – Start of Sunday school
- 5. October 28th – Next Voters' Meeting at 10:15 a.m.

The next newsletter inputs are due end of September

I. Elections/Ratifications of Appointments.

- 1. 2019 Nomination Committee
 - Glenn Brunner, Dan Fager, Louis Richard, and Pastor Sullivan as an advisory member.
 - Dick Stuebs volunteered to be on the committee as well

MM and 2nd to approve 2019 Nomination Committee, motion carried.

J. Adjournment.

Time: 11.29 am

MM and 2nd to adjourn, Pastor Sullivan closed with prayer.

- Thank you to Ruth Siegmund, for always providing donuts and refreshments.