Emmanuel Lutheran Council Minutes-January 11, 2009

Present-Curtis Karst, Cindy Steinert, Bertha Martin, Rhonda Templing, Terri Rous, Jerry Stambaugh, Gwen Deines, Kirby Ricke, Dorothy Batt, Tim Boxberger, absent-Pastor Steve.

The meeting was called to order and all present read the mission statement and goals.

A. Devotions-None
B. Approval of Agenda-with additions, Gwen Deines, Cindy Steinert, passed.
C. Financial Reports-placed on file, subject to year end audit.
D. Secretary's Report-Kirby Ricke moved, Gwen Deines second, passed.
E. Pastor's Report-None

Old Business:

F. Seeds of Faith Report-Kirby Ricke moved to accept the Seeds of Faith report, Bertha Martin second, passed.
G. Call Committee Report-none
H. Goals-discussed goals for council.
I. Phone-will check with Tim about the phone bills.

New Business:

M. Committee Reports-

1. Property-Discussed repairing the doors, Rhonda Templing moved that we fix the doors, will cost approximately $500, Kirby Ricke-second, passed. Will have a church clean up day on February 21, starting at 9:00 a.m.

2. Social Ministry-Thrivent-The Thrivent members of Emmanuel are planning a soup supper on January 23rd, proceeds to go to the Michael Deutsch Family Fund, the members ask that Emmanuel pay the deposit for the Activity Center, deposit to be returned when soup supper is over, Curtis Karst moved to approve this, Kirby Ricke-second, passed.

N. Annual Meeting- Annual Meeting will be held January 18, 2009-potluck at 11:30, with meeting at 12:30.

O. Meeting- A joint council meeting will be held January 14 at 6:00 between First-Lacrosse and Emmanuel-Hoisington-discuss changing time, etc.

P. Cindy- Cindy had been approached that the annual meeting was too early, not enough time to get reports in. It was discussed that constitutionally it is to be held on the third Sunday in January, would take a constitutional change.

Q. Pastor Steve-Terri had received a letter that Pastor Steve will be celebrating his 15th year of ordination August 21st, discussed possibilities of how this might be celebrated.

R. Pastor Reep-Emmanuel will be hosting the installation of Pastor Reep on March 1st, Rhonda Templing agreed to chair the committee to plan the reception.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Templing

Council Secretary

Emmanuel Lutheran Church-Annual Meeting-January 18, 2009

Rhonda Templing, secretary, acting for ailing president, Terri Rous, called the annual meeting to order. There were a total of 31 members present. Rhonda led the opening devotions.

1. Approval of the agenda-addition of time change discussion to agenda, motion by Sheila Hein, second by Joan Michaelis, approved by voice vote, none opposed.
2. Approval of reports-motion by Gloria Collier, second by Loene Karst-approved by voice vote, none opposed.
3. Nominating Committee-Gloria Collier gave the nominating committee report-

Nominating Committee:	Jamie Wolf Joan Michaelis
Congregation Council:	Julie Hein Doug Boxberger Bertha Martin
Synod Assembly Delegates:	Gloria Collier Joan Michaelis

   Bruce Custer moved that we accept the report of the nominating committee and by acclamation elect those people, second by Pastor Steve Little, approved by voice vote, none opposed.
4. Approval of 2009 Budget-discussion was held. Seeds of Faith will be paid current month, current month. Discussed that 2009 budget is $7000 over the 2008 budget. The congregation needs to be "proactive" looking at doing fundraising, stewardship emphasis in 2009. Motion by Bruce Custer, second by Kirby Ricke, approved by voice vote, none opposed.
5. Time Change-Discussed with those present that the council had met with the LaCrossse council and discussed a time change, could take place the first Sunday in February, Emmanuel would have a 10:45 a.m. service time for 11 months, in January 2010 Emmanuel would change to a 8:45 a.m. worship time. It was said that each member needs to voice their opinion. That the January 2010 service time would be put before the congregation for the next 11 months. The consensus was that the Emmanuel congregation will change to the 10:45 a.m. worship time if the LaCrosse congregation agrees to the change as soon as possible.
6. Call to adjourn-the meeting was adjourned will all standing, taking each others hand, and saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda Templing, Council Secretary