

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL — Wentzville

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 17, 2024

BY: Bonnie Schulte, Secretary 2027

PRESENT: Becky Hoskins, Chair 2026
Forrest Van Ness, Vice-Chair 2025
Carol Waddell, Treasurer 2025
Grant Goris, Board Member 2026
Tom Guenzler, Board Member 2027
Kevin Heneghan, Board Member 2025
Russ Hoppe, Board Member 2026 (Advisory Member)
Brian Parker, Board Member 2027

Jason Auringer, Senior Pastor
Tom Roma, Associate Pastor
Allison Dolak, Principal

Guest: Curtis Sullivan, Captain, St Charles County Police

CC: Tammy Brenningmeyer, Assistant Principal
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The following minutes express my understanding of the items discussed. Please respond within five days of receipt if any changes are required.

If any action is required, the name indicates the responsible party and the date indicates the due date.

Guest Presentation Concerning Facility Security – Curtis Sullivan, Captain of Bureau of Administrative Service, St. Charles County Police, spoke to the BOD and answered questions regarding security services that can be contracted through St. Charles County. Discussion tabled to the October BOD meeting to allow for gathering information regarding various insurance scenarios and a proposed budget.

BOD Chair Becky Hoskins called the meeting to order at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Pastor Jason Auringer opened the meeting with a reading from and comments on Psalm 104:15 and with prayer

August 2024 Workshop Minutes approved via e-mail.

MLT Reports

Senior Pastor's Report – The BOD reviewed and discussed Jason Auringer's submitted report.

Principal's Report – The BOD reviewed Allison Dolak's submitted report. Allison made comments regarding Pearl Technology cyber security software.

Interim Executive Director Report – The BOD reviewed Russ Hoppe's submitted report. Russ made comments and answered questions regarding the Cuivre River power pole replacement project and the Koenig Cemetery acquisition.

Treasurer's Report – Carol Waddell made note of corrections to worship attendance and Sunday School numbers.

Kevin Henneghan made the motion to accept the financial reports for audit. Forrest Van Ness seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN QUESTIONS

Questions for Pastor Auringer – None

Questions for Allison Dolak – None

Questions for Russ Hoppe as Interim Executive Director – None

OLD BUSINESS

150th Anniversary September 15 Outdoor and November 10 Festival Celebrations – Becky Hoskins made comments and congratulated all who were involved in making the September 15 outdoor program an excellent celebration. It was noted that more than 1,100 attended the worship program, with more than 800 at the picnic lunch.

Financial Review Update – Russ Hoppe reported that the financial update is in the hands of the reviewer, with a promised delivery date after Labor Day 2024.

2023-2024 Excess Funds – Discussion regarding recommendation to the voters of distributing excess 2023-2024 funds:

- \$345,000, with LEAD dollars have been taken out
- \$85,000 – Charitable Giving (Hearts & Hope of Uganda \$30,000, Grace Chapel Lutheran School \$30,000, Bethlehem Lutheran School \$25,000)
- \$260,000 – Capital Improvement and Expansion Fund. Funds to be placed in an interest-bearing account for upcoming campus expansion project.

Brian Parker made the motion to present to the voters the BOD recommended distribution of 2023-2024 excess funds. Tom Guenzler seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

NOTE: A separate resolution will be requested at the September 23, 2024, Voters Meeting to move remaining Balcony and Sanctuary improvement funds to the Capital Improvement Fund (\$71,000).

Long-Range Planning Committee Update – Becky Hoskins reported that the committee is working on creating priority lists of what projects staff/parishioners believe are priority, e.g., 1, 2, 3 priorities. The committee is making edits to the master plan and preparing capital campaign scenarios.

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Immanuel Lutheran-Wentzville/St. Paul's New Melle Representative – Brian Parker offered to serve as the ILCSW representative. Brian will attend and report back details from St. Paul's board meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

September 23, 2024, Voters Meeting Resolutions:

- Distribution of 2023-2024 Excess Funds: Motion as noted in Old Business 2023-2024 Excess Funds (above).
- Koenig Cemetery Acquisition: Kevin Heneghan made the motion to present to ILCSW voters the following regarding pursuing acquisition of the Koenig Cemetery property: That Immanuel Lutheran Church-Wentzville BOD be directed to acquire Koenig Cemetery by filing an adverse possession case, and that the BOD be charged with creating policies to manage, operate and maintain the cemetery. Brian Parker seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
- Announce BOD establishment of a Call Committee: Brian Parker made the motion that Immanuel Lutheran Church-Wentzville establish a Call Committee with the intent to establish a third pastor. Kevin Henneghan seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote.
- Transfer Balcony/Sanctuary Project Funds: Request a motion and second to move the remaining Balcony/Sanctuary Project monies to the Capital Improvement Fund (\$71,000).
- ILCSW/St. Paul's Lutheran Church-New Melle: Request a motion and second that ILCSW commit to continuing to pursue a joint ministry with St. Paul's Lutheran Church-New Melle.

Establishment of Endowment Fund – Allison Dolak will send the BOD a listing of recommended allocated funds in an Endowment Funds for discussion at the next BOD meeting.

Review of Weapons Policy for ILC and School – Russ Hoppe and Forrest Van Ness noted that no evidence of a previous policy can be found. Table discussion to a future meeting.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) – FCA has requested ILCSW involvement in their work, up to and including holding events on the ILCSW campus. The MLT will consider this and report back in October.

BOD SELF-REVIEW

The Board conducted their self-review.

Pastor Tom Roma closed the meeting with prayer.

Grant Goris made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Henneghan seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Next Voters Meeting: September 23

Next BOD Meeting: October 15, 2024