

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL — Wentzville

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: June 18, 2024

BY: Bonnie Schulte, Secretary 2024

PRESENT: Tom Ruff, Chair 2024
Vern Boehme, Board Member 2024
Carol Waddell, Treasurer 2025
Grant Goris, Board Member 2026
Kevin Heneghan, Board Member 2025
Russ Hoppe, Board Member 2026
Becky Hoskins, Board Member 2026
Forrest Van Ness, Board Member 2025

Jason Auringer, Senior Pastor
Debbie Anderson, Director of Finance

ABSENT: Allison Dolak, Principal
Tom Roma, Associate Pastor

Guests: Tom Guenzler, Board Member Elect 2027
Brian Parker, Board Member Elect 2027
Kris Schuldt

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.

Chair Tom Ruff called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Tom Ruff welcomed newly elected BOD members Tom Guenzler and Brian Parker, and returning member Bonnie Schulte.

Tom Ruff recognized Becky Hoskins, Interim BOD Chair assigned to conduct this evening's meeting beginning with New Business.

Pastor Jason Auringer opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 28 and prayer.

May 2024 Minutes approved via e-mail.

Safety and Security – Kris Schuldt presented an update on a church Safety Team proposal. Forrest Van Ness commented on the plan's emphasis of early recognition of threats. The BOD recommends that the project should continue moving forward with gathering of further information, including budgetary aspects.

MLT Reports

Senior Pastor's Report – The BOD reviewed Jason Auringer's submitted report. Pastor Auringer provided clarification on the number of active Stephen Ministers.

Principal's Report – No Report

Interim Executive Director Report – The BOD reviewed Russ Hoppe's submitted report. Russ clarified both the positions that are part of the job description updates and the financial review status.

Treasurer's Report – The BOD reviewed the submitted Dashboard and financial reports. Discussion regarding "in church" attendance vs. YouTube views data and the addition of previous year's data to provide a comparison.

Becky Hoskins made the motion to file the Dash Board/Treasurer's Report for audit. Kevin Heneghan 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

Immanuel-Wentzville and St. Paul's-New Melle Relationship – Jason Auringer noted that he and Russ Hoppe will meet to outline what a possible relationship between Immanuel and St. Paul's would entail. They are seeking information from other churches in the Synod as to how they have handled "mergers" and satellite ministries.

Long-Term Planning Committee Update – Tom Ruff stated initial architectural plans are being revised. With the BOD's approval, Tom Ruff will continue as chair of the Long-Term Planning Committee once he rolls off the BOD the end of June 2024.

Long-Term Financial Planning Team – Kevin Heneghan reported the Committee did not meet in May. Discussion regarding the status of the Capital Campaign contribution letter(s) to be sent to current and new Campaign contributors.

150th Anniversary Planning – Carol Waddell stated a meeting is scheduled on June 25, 2024. Save-the-dates announcements are going out to parish members, including the September 15 Outdoor Worship Service and the November 10 150th Anniversary celebration.

Financial Review Update – No additional update.

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NEW BUSINESS

Tom Ruff turned the meeting over to Interim BOD Chair Becky Hoskins.

Becky Hoskins recognized and expressed appreciation to Vern Boehme and Tom Ruff for their service to the Board.

2024-2025 Meeting Dates – Due to scheduling conflicts, the July 2024 meeting date was changed from July 16 to July 9.

BOD Workshop Date and Focus – Becky Hoskins brought the 2024 Workshop to the attention of the BOD. Possible topics include continuation of the Safety and Security project, Immanuel's overall master plan, and the Immanuel-Wentzville/St. Paul's-New Melle relationship. ACTION ITEM: Date and topics to be finalized at the July BOD meeting.

BOD Christmas Gathering – Russ Hoppe and Becky Hoskins will plan this year's BOD gathering. Assuming availability, the gathering will be held at Old Town Smokehouse in Wentzville on Tuesday, December 10.

Other New Business –

Jason Auringer expressed his appreciation to Vern Boehme and Tom Ruff for their service on the BOD, as well as their service to at Immanuel-Wentzville in general.

BOD SELF-REVIEW

The Board conducted their self-review.

Members closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Vern Boehme made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Heneghan seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Next BOD Meeting July 9, 2024

August BOD Workshop TBD