

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL — Wentzville**

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** July 9, 2024

**BY:** Bonnie Schulte, Secretary 2027

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

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

**ABSENT:** Debbie Anderson, Director of Finance

**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.

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

Pastor Jason Auringer opened the meeting with a reading from and comments on Ephesians 4:7 and with prayer.

June 2024 Minutes approved via e-mail.

**MLT Reports**

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

Principal's Report – The BOD reviewed Allison Dolak's submitted report. Allison made comments regarding the School Event Calendar update.

Interim Executive Director Report – The BOD reviewed Russ Hoppe’s submitted report. Russ made comments on a recent meeting with Gary Bornhop and Eric Pitman pertaining to the Koenig Cemetery.

Treasurer’s Report – Due to the early date of the July BOD meeting and timing needed to collect reporting materials, June financial reports will be presented at the August Board workshop.

Carol Waddell stated that the financial team has established a goal to add additional counter teams. A notice regarding the need will be placed in the Immanuel iNews bulletin.

Carol Waddell acknowledged Debbie Anderson and expressed appreciation for Debbie’s excellent work during her first year as Immanuel’s Director of Finance.

### **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 – The BOD discussed opportunities of an ongoing relationship between Immanuel and St Paul’s-New Melle.

Long-Term Planning Committee – Becky Hoskins reminded the BOD that to help maintain consistency in planning, former BOD chair Tom Ruff has agreed to continue on as chair of the Committee. The Long-Term Planning Committee (aka long-range planning committee) is currently on hold and will move forward with planning once the committee receives architectural plans and mission clarity goals. It was noted that both facilities and staffing aspects are to be a priority in long-term planning.

Long-Term Financial Planning Team – Kevin Heneghan reported letters were mailed to Immanuel’s membership inviting participation in the one-year extension of the Overflowing campaign (to June 2025). Russ Hoppe commented that as a result of the mailing, financial commitments are being received.

150th Anniversary Planning – Carol Waddell stated save-the-date Anniversary celebration cards were mailed early July announcing the September 17 outdoor service and November 10 worship celebrations. ILCS ministry teams are responding favorably to a planned ministry fair scheduled as part of the outdoor service.

Financial Review Update – Russ Hoppe reported the review is continuing to move forward.

Safety Team Update – The BOD reviewed and discussed information brought forward by BOD member Forrest Van Ness, which speaks to licensing and liability aspects of a safety team. Forrest will invite a member of St. Charles County or St. Louis County to an upcoming BOD meeting to provide further insight.

BOD Workshop Date and Focus – BOD Workshop scheduled 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Saturday, August 17, in the ILCS board room. Topics: MLT short- and long-term goals, 2023-2024 use of excess  
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funds recommendation, September voters meeting agenda, safety practice update, review of Immanuel/St. Paul's-New Melle relationship, and Dropbox "101."

BOD Christmas Gathering – Scheduled for Monday, December 6, at 6 p.m. at Stone Summit Steak and Seafood in Wentzville

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of BOD Officers – By a vote of affirmation, the BOD elected the following as officers for the 2024-2025 year:

- BOD Chair – Becky Hoskins
- BOD Vice-Chair – Forrest Van Ness
- BOD Secretary – Bonnie Schulte
- BOD Treasurer – Carol Waddell

Other New Business – None

Consent Agenda Extension: Brian Parker made the motion to extend the consent agenda by up to 15 minutes. Kevin Heneghan seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 9 p.m. Becky Hoskins called the Executive Session to order. Discussion regarding a third-party contractual issue.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. Becky Hoskins ended the Executive Session.

### **BOD SELF-REVIEW**

The Board conducted their self-review.

Becky Hoskins closed the meeting with prayer.

Kevin Heneghan made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Grant Goris seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Next BOD Meeting: August 17 Workshop – 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

BOD Meeting: September 17

Next Voters Meeting: September 23 TBC