

Immanuel Lutheran School – Parent Teacher League (PTL) Minutes

Date/Time/Place: Jan 8, 2026, 6:00 pm, Immanuel Church Basement

Presiding: Jessica Mulder • **Attendance:** 17

Devotion: Jessica Mulder

Secretary's Report

- November 2025 minutes reviewed; approved as written. Motion to approve by Aaron Mattila.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report reviewed; **current balance:** \$5,783.42; approved as written. Motion to approve by Melissa Ackerman.
 - Wall mats have been purchased - Shipping costs will be additional. Still waiting on the bill for the Gaga pit.
 - Shopping night - 18 vendors brought in \$800. Silent auction had 71 baskets bringing in \$4,153.50. There was one additional donation for \$10,000 which is specifically for curriculum, so that is not reflected in the amount collected.

Old Business

- **Festival of Trees (Jackson Historical Society):** Leann Henning volunteered to decorate a tree with the theme "Make a Joyful Noise". SEE BELOW.
- **ILS Basketball Tournament (last week in Jan):** Lea Heinrichs and Kim Church will organize (Kim's final year). Due to limited volunteers last year, all families will be required to work a shift. Thrivent Action Team grant cards are welcome. SEE BELOW.
- **Shopping Night:** Most of the night went well and became slow after 6:00. It was the same night as the WOW weekend in Okoboji. If we change the date to not align with WOW weekend, **Mr. J would like to know right away so that Friday can be indicated on the school calendar for next year to have that day be a "no school" day.** The overall agreement was to continue this event next year.
 - Additional benefits of this night are the chili feed, the book fair, etc.
 - 2 silent auction baskets did not get claimed (air fryer and a crayola basket). We will move on with reaching out to the next person on the list to claim.
- **Caroling** - There was a nice turn out. It brought happiness to others. Afterwards there was fellowship at the school.

New Business

- **Festival of Trees (Jackson Historical Society):** Leann Henning volunteered to decorate a tree with the theme "Make a Joyful Noise".
 - Set up went well. There were 100+ items on the tree. We didn't win but the tree was well received.

- **Candy Fundraiser:** Lea Heinrichs shared an opportunity through The Largest Candy Store (fall candy giveaway).
 - 5 large totes and 2 big boxes of candy were given to her. Mr. J and Sarah thought some of this can be used and sold in concessions as well as the basketball tournament (perhaps a free throw contest and winners get candy). Some of it can be used at school for incentives too.
- **ILS Basketball Tournament (last weekend in Jan):** Lea Heinrichs and Kim Church will organize (Kim's final year). Due to limited volunteers last year, **all families will be required to work a shift.** Thrivent Action Team grant cards are welcome.
 - The sign up went out again today (Jan 8). There are still many volunteers needed.
 - Donations should be brought in on Friday of the tournament, from noon on (after school lunch). Another reminder will be sent out again with logistic information.

Principal's Report

- **National Schools Week - Jan 25-31**
 - Some events include:
 - Sunday - pulled pork meal. PTL helps with this (with help from others):
 - Dan Ackerman grills meat, staff covers supplies, families cover desserts, we will need people to help serve. The meal is from 1030-1230.
 - The BOE does set up and tear down.
 - The students sing in church that day and then the meal is after.
 - There is a free will donation collection for the meal which should be designated towards something - maybe curriculum.
 - We already have chips from Dudleys.
 - Stacie Soleta and Pat will take care of beans (and supplies). Jessica is going to order the buns.
 - Monday is PJ day with cereal breakfast and cartoons. Also movies in the afternoon with concessions.
 - There is a Virtual field trip all week long - learning about Mongolia.
 - Tuesday is dress like a teacher day. Also community service day. (I.e. 3 and 4 grade will tie blankets). Tuesday PM is puzzle race with chapel tribes.
 - Wed is country western day and pastry's with parents in the gym - glazed donuts from local bakery. Chapel that day and Tribal Olympics.

- Thursday is Estherville field trip -at regional wellness center with lunch there (swim and activities). Sport themes day.
- Friday is cougar spirit day. Church worker yogurt parfait day. Pep fest for basketball game and activities.
- 5 thrive cards are needed for breakfast, bakery, yogurt, Sunday meal, gym rental at wellness center. Melissa will do 2 (breakfast and bakery). Leann Henning will do 1 for yogurt. Gretchen will do 1 for Sunday meal. Aaron Mattila will do 1 for gym rental.
- **PTL will help with the meal - gathering needed items/food and serving.**
- End of quarter is next week. To celebrate there will be an AR party with board games, Gaga pit and popcorn bar.
- The Accreditation is in progress. On Jan 14th staff will look at materials and then on the 21st the parents and rest of the committee will come in and work on that. Leann Henning will provide a meal on the 21st. She will need help with that.
- **Mr. J shared an appreciation for the support from everyone.**

Next Meeting: April 9, 2026 6:00 p.m., Immanuel Church Basement

Adjournment: Aaron Mattila to adjourn

Minutes submitted by: Secretary Ami Swanson and VP Kaleen Schultz