

April 2004 Voter's Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Meeting

April 4, 2004

Chairman Nelson Torbeck called the meeting to order and Pastor Wohletz read from Phil. Chapter 2 and spoke concerning humbling one's self and exalting God, especially in regard to service to God. He also led those present in prayer. The minutes were read and accepted as read. A motion to accept Greg and Pam Parrish as communicant members and their daughter, Taylor, as a baptized member, received a second and passed. A motion to accept Chris Bauer as a voting member received a second and carried. There were no releases for the past quarter.

The Treasurer's report was given. There was a discussion concerning the fact that we are \$**** in the red.

The Elders reported meeting monthly with the Pastor. They are also continuing home visits with members of the congregation. There was a discussion concerning their suggestion of reviewing and updating the Church Constitution. A motion that a committee be appointed to review and update the Constitution received a second and passed. Pastor Wohletz and Chris Bauer volunteered to be on the committee. A motion to allow the Chairman to appoint the committee members died for lack of a second. The Chairman turned the establishment of the members of the committee over to the Board of Elders. The Elders recommended sharing a Director of Christian Education with the Holy Cross congregation in Vandalia. A motion to share a DCE with Holy Cross in regards to Senior Youth received second and passed. A motion to allow Pastor Wohletz to preach four (4) times a year at Holy Cross in Vandalia so that his services may be taped and broadcast over WPMD radio in Vandalia received a second and carried.

A motion to follow the Council recommendation that only Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod ministers be allowed to conduct official acts and worship services on the property of Immanuel of Augsburg received a second and, after some discussion, passed.

The School Board had nothing to report at this time. The Trustees suggested that a rural water fire hydrant be installed close to Church property. After some

discussion, a motion to purchase and pay for the installation of a fire hydrant close to the Church property received a second and carried.

The Sunday School averages sixteen (16) attendees per Sunday out of the twenty-eight (28) enrolled. They are doing a rotation of teachers for one class. The Bible Class is studying the Book of Acts. The Sexton had nothing to report at this time.

The Senior Youth need \$**** for their trip to Florida. They have raised \$**** and still need \$****. They will be selling pizzas in the near future and are still collecting aluminum cans. There was a discussion concerning their fund raising efforts. The Senior Youth also thanked the congregation for their support.

The Junior Youth reported being socially active. Sixteen (16) youth went to Salem for bowling and they are planning a swimming party on April 18 at the Centralia Recreation Center. They will also be spending the weekend at Camp Cilca on the 26th and 27th of June. They will be preparing an Easter sunrise breakfast.

The Men of the Congregation thanked the congregation for the support shown of the "Captive Free" presentation. They are bringing the LCMS hot air balloon to Augsburg on July 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Forty (40) people will be needed to "crew" the balloon, and volunteers are being accepted. Approximately \$**** will be needed for the financial support of the hot air balloon presentation.

The Finance men had nothing to report at this time.

Rick Sasse is planting trees in the Picnic grove. After some discussion, it was suggested that people who want to purchase trees for memorials or to honor someone may contact Rick Sasse.

A motion to accept the Council's recommendation for special collections received a second and passed. It is:

Mother's Day (loose) to Armed Forces Commission

MOMS, a group working with the Lutheran Child and Family Services and dealing with young mothers, especially in setting up mentoring relationships, asked for a door collection to help them financially. Permission was given for a door collection to be taken to support them.

After the reading of the minutes, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Gale Mescke, **secretary**