

January 2008 Voter's Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

January 6, 2008

Chairman Nelson Torbeck called the meeting to order. Pastor Wohletz then read a selection from Isaiah Chapter 60, spoke to the text, and led those present in prayer. The minutes were read and accepted as read. There were no membership changes for the past quarter. The Treasurer gave both the Quarterly and Annual reports. The Financial Reviewers reported that things looked good. A motion to accept the reports received a second and carried.

The Board of Elders reported meeting monthly and that things are going smoothly. The Board of Education brought up the topic of the Annual Church Picnic. A motion to drop the annual picnic and to have a potluck for the congregation led to a discussion, but the motion died for lack of a second. A motion to have the Annual Church Picnic on the first Sunday in June received a second. There was a call for a secret ballot. The Chairman appointed Greg Schaal, Keith Ehrat, and Dennis Schukar as tellers for the balloting. The motion was rejected and there will be no Annual Church Picnic this year.

The Trustees brought up the idea of closing the wells on the Church property. After some discussion no action was taken. Some doors for the Church are being painted. The Sunday School reported that attendance is low and encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday School.

The Sexton, Young People, Men of the Congregation, and Financemen had nothing to report at this time. There was no old business.

A motion to accept the Council's recommendation for Special Collections received a second and passed. They are:

Ash Wednesday	Ft. Wayne Seminary
Second Lenten Service	Lutheran World Relief
Third Lenten Service	St. Louis Seminary
Fourth Lenten Service	Lutherans for Life
Fifth Lenten Service	Lutheran School for the Deaf at Jacksonville
Sixth Lenten Service	Central Illinois Deaf Ministry
Maundy Thursday Service	Christ Our Rock High School

Easter Sunrise Service Bethesda

There was a discussion regarding moving Summer Services to 9 a.m. with Sunday School to follow. Those who have opinions regarding the moving of Summer Services to 9 a.m. may speak to the Elders. A motion to table any action regarding the change of the time of the Summer Services until the April meeting received a second and, after some discussion, carried. A motion to have a secret informational ballot to determine the feelings of the members present received a second and passed. The secret ballot resulted in a tie.

At the present time Church decorations are stored in the old Youth Sunday School room. There is a large pew in there which, if moved, would free up a great deal of space. After some discussion, the Chairman turned the matter over to the Trustees.

Pastor Wohletz explained that the Holy Cross Congregation has formed an exploratory committee about setting up a Lutheran Elementary School in Vandalia and invite input from the congregations of Immanuel of Augsburg and St. Paul . Those interested in serving on the Exploratory Committee may contact Pastor Wohletz.

Chairman Nelson Torbeck thanked and released the tellers. After the minutes were read and corrected, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Gale Meseke, Secretary