

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 14, 2013

Chairman Art Schukar called the meeting to order. Pastor Frazee led those present in prayer and devotion.

Minutes from the April 7, 2013 voters meeting and the April 14, 2013 special voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: No new voting members.

Communicant members: Newly confirmed members:
Alice Miles

Motion to accept the new communicant members was made, seconded, and approved.

Transfers: None

Releases: None

Treasure's Report:

The report was presented. No questions were asked of the treasurer. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

- Commended Pastor Frazee on his first two services.
- Noted that the elders had a brief meeting with Pastor Frazee prior to his installation, and they look forward to more meetings going forward.

Pastor's Report :

- Pastor Frazee reported that he has been making visits to the shut-ins. On the introductory visit he was accompanied by Pastor Meyer, and on subsequent visits he will go alone. He is also planning to offer communion on his visits.
- Pastor called on Arlene Sasse in the hospital.
- Pastor reported that he is settling in to the house and the office, and felt that the first two services went well.
- Pastor reported that he is working on mileage report from materials he received from Scott Torbeck.
- Sunday school was discussed and Pastor expressed his desire to pursue a high school class.
- Pastor is working with the organizers of the VBS.

- Pastor is planning a meeting with the high school youth. A get together has been planned at the Williams lake property to begin working with the group.

School Board: No report.

Junior Youth:

- Pastor reported meeting with youth group officers after church on July 7th to discuss itinerary of activities planned.

Trustees' Report:

- The tulip tree on the west side of the church suffered damage during last year's drought. Removal of the tree is planned for the week of July 11th.
- A new telephone with answering machine or voice mail is needed for the parsonage and will be purchased.

Sunday School:

- Currently averaging 15 kids at Sunday school. The bus ministry that began with last year's VBS and Christmas program accounts for about half of the attendance. The organizers feel that it is a good program for local youth that otherwise would not have this opportunity, and would like to see it continue.
- The Sunday school organizers ask for assistance in picking up these children and driving them on Sunday mornings. They are also asking for volunteers to allow the children to sit with them during church services.
- They are looking for a part time teacher for grades 1 and 2. They are also looking for a teacher for the high school program.

Bible Class:

- New topic is the Lutheran small catechism and should last for about six weeks.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- There were two burials in the quarter – Leola Lange and Tom Collier
- Landscaping to replace the shrubs removed from the front of the cemetery will be looked into, and a plan will be presented at a future date.

Old Business:

- The subject of a new church directory was discussed.
 - There has been no interest from the congregation in organizing and executing a new directory.
 - The subject has been tabled until someone has interest in managing the project.

New Business:

Sound System:

The need for a new sound system for the church was discussed. The member present felt there was indeed a need to upgrade the system. A motion was made to replace and modernize the sound system, seconded, and approved.

Scott and Karen Torbeck, and Pastor Frazee will investigate options for the upgrade, and will report their recommendation to the Trustees.

Church Constitution:

The new constitution for the church had been submitted to the district for approval approximately eight years ago. To date, the church has not received acknowledgement of approval. In a phone call to the district, it was determined that the church should re-submit the constitution for approval. Since so much time has lapsed, the original submission will be revised to include any updates that have occurred during the past eight years. Chairman Schukar and Pastor Frazee will follow-up on the resubmission process.

Relocation of the Voters' Meeting:

A suggestion was made to move future voters' meeting to the parish hall due to problems with hearing the chairman's and the secretary's reports. A motion was made suggesting the members present move to the front of the church closer to the speakers, seconded, and approved.

Pastor's Housing Allowance:

Following is the resolution for the housing allowance:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that (*Immanuel Lutheran Church Augsburg*), as a standing resolution to remain in force and effect until such time as amended or revoked, hereby authorizes and establishes a housing allowance for (Rev. Josh Frazee) for the duration of service in an amount each year equal to 30 percent of that person's annual compensation. A "call" is issued by a particular congregation or other authorized body requiring the services of a pastor or teacher. The "call" is not merely an appointment to a secular position; it involves an election by the congregation.

A motion was made to accept the resolution, seconded, and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Steven R. Hickerson.