

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

January 12, 2014

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

Minutes from the October 13, 2013 voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members:	None
Communicant members:	None
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:

- A regular meeting was held with the Pastor in October. Due to the weather, holidays, and other outside forces, the Elders did not meet officially in November and December. However, had several "side" meetings with Pastor during those months.
- All is going well.

Pastor's Report :

- Pastor reported that he felt the Advent Services went well. Many people in the congregation commented on how well they liked the services.
- Still working on the church constitution with the district.
- Pastor presented his annual report for review. A copy of the Pastor's report is attached to these minutes.

School Board: No report.

Junior Youth:

- Pastor reported that both groups met for Christmas parties. All went well, and a good time was had by all.

Trustees' Report:

- A report was given on the water line situation in the church basement. A broken water line was discovered on January 8 and flooded a large portion of the basement. The line was repaired, water was cleaned up, and the Trustees will monitor the situation for any additional follow-up and clean-up that may be required.

Sunday School:

- Attendance is down since Christmas. We are now averaging 11 students each week.
- The Sunday School is still looking for a part time teacher for grades 1 and 2.

Bible Class:

- The new topic is Proverbs, and will continue for the next several weeks.

Financial Reviewer:

- The books have been examined and all is well.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- The new section of the cemetery will be opened in 2014.

Old Business:

- Pastor is still working on the church constitution with the district.

New Business:

Indigent Fund:

In light of some recent requests for financial aid, a motion was made for the creation of an indigent fund at the church to aid people in need as they present themselves. A discussion was held offering several different alternatives for the creation of a fund. A motion was made to purchase five gift cards in the amount of \$20 each to be held by the pastor should the need arise in the future. The motion was seconded, and a secret ballot was performed. Scott Torbeck and Denny Lange served as Tellers for the vote. The motion did not pass. At the conclusion of the voting the Tellers were released.

A motion was made to reimburse the pastor for funds he had personally given to a person requesting financial aid in December of 2013. The motion was seconded and approved.

Cemetery Expansion:

With the opening of a new section of the cemetery, discussion was held on the addition of a new driveway for cemetery access. A motion was made to add a driveway to the new section creating an area the same size as in the other cemetery section. The motion was seconded and approved.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the first quarter:

- Ash Wednesday – Fort Wayne Seminary
- 2nd Lenten – Lutheran World Relief
- 3rd Lenten – St. Louis Seminary
- 4th Lenten – Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
- 5th Lenten – Lutheran School for the Deaf, Jacksonville
- 6th Lenten – District Deaf Ministry
- Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School
- Easter Sunrise Service – Bethesda

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

Handicapped Parking Area:

A reminder to the congregation was made to not park in the handicapped zones if you are not handicapped. Please leave those spots for the people who need them.

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.