

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 13, 2014

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

Minutes from the April 6, 2014 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: David Rebbe
Debra Rebbe

Both to transfer to Holy Cross in Vandalia

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

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:

- Have been meeting regularly with the pastor. There are no church issues to report.
- Church attendance has improved since the last meeting. We are now averaging 100 at the service with an average of 79 per week receiving communion.
- While attendance is up, the elders still encourage everyone in the congregation to reach out to and invite members and non-members alike to join us. It is the job of the entire congregation to reach out to people, not just the pastor and the elders.

Pastor's Report :

- This concludes the first year of Pastor Josh serving the Augsburg church and community.
- In addition to Sunday Bible classes, Pastor has offered evening studies featuring the debate between Ken Ham and Bill Nye on creation versus evolution to raise awareness and provide example of how to address the subject.
- Pastor encourages everyone to continue to request hymns that they enjoy for use at the services.

- During the quarter, Pastor worked with the LYF in painting the picnic shed and attending Holiday World. Both events were well attended and everyone had a good time.
- Pastor will begin marriage counseling sessions beginning the first of the year for upcoming 2015 weddings.
- Prayer List: Pastor led a discussion of the church's prayer list. We pray for everyone during the prayers of the church. We add individuals to the list when they are experiencing a special need for additional prayer and strength. Several points were made as to the length of the prayer list, the amount of time a person is placed on the list, and the need for continued individual mention on the prayer list when we no longer know if that person is still in crisis. In an effort to manage the list more effectively, individuals will be placed on the list for a period of four weeks. If at the end of that time, those people still need additional prayer, they may be re-added to the list for another four week term. This may be done as long as the individual continues to need the added strength of the church prayer for their special need.

School Board: No report.

LYF:

- Easter and the Easter breakfast went well.
- As mentioned in the Pastor's report, the painting of the picnic shed and the trip to Holiday World both went well and were enjoyed by the group.

Trustees' Report:

- A new dehumidifier is required for the church basement.
- The trustees would like to thank the LYF for their good job on painting the picnic shed.

Sunday School:

- Attendance is still down. We are still only averaging 5 students each week.
- We continue to encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday School. Not only will they learn about our faith, but they will have a good time doing it.
- We would also like to encourage all of the congregation to encourage all of our local children to attend the upcoming vacation bible school starting on July 21st.

Bible Class:

- The current study is titled "The Longer Look". This lesson expands on the sermon text each week for a closer look at the scriptures and messages they contain.

Financial Reviewer: No report.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- Landscaping: The landscaping project discussed and approved at the last meeting will be completed this fall when weather conditions are more favorable for planting.

- Cemetery expansion: Bids and plans for the expansion of the cemetery have been completed. The following is a listing of the accepted project bids:
 - Members of the congregation will help in the preparation of the site for the work by spraying and loosening the soil for the dirt work.
 - The township will provide the culvert to be used for the new drive, and will allow the use of equipment for the project.
 - A bid was accepted from Andy Craig for the amount of \$1000 to complete the dirt work and shaping. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.
 - Lotz Trucking will provide and haul the gravel/road pack for the amount of \$1500. Lotz Trucking will then donate back \$750 to the church. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the bid.
 - The money for the project will come from the church's cemetery fund. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pay for the project from the cemetery fund.

Old Business:

- Pastor and Art Schukar are working to correct a couple of things on the church constitution. It should then be presented to the district for final approval.

New Business:

- Address Directory -- A request has been made for the creation of a church directory with the new 911 addresses and telephone numbers of church members. A discussion was held concerning any privacy issues this may create for church members, and the logistics of creating such a document. It was noted that not all members of the congregation have received their new addresses yet, and that it would be a better idea to wait for all new addresses before completing such a project. The matter was tabled for future discussion.

Special Collections:

No special collections scheduled for the quarter.

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.