

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 12, 2014

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

Minutes from the July 13, 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:	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:

- Have been meeting regularly with the pastor. There are no church issues to report.
- Pastor has been doing a great job, not only with Sunday services, but also with home visits and other duties throughout the year. Most recently, pastor has also been offering services at Brookstone.

Pastor's Report :

- Have started adult catechism courses for the fall. Youth catechism is in full swing.
- With the return of the school year comes the Wednesday morning Chapel services at St. Peter. Pastor will lead the service on the 2nd Wednesday of each month throughout the school year.
- Pastor has also started Chapel services at Brookstone in Vandalia that have been well attended and received.
- The recent Education Service was well received by the congregation and will be done annually. Pastor is planning to have an outdoor service next year since efforts this year met with some issues.
- Pastor worked with others to complete the updated church web page and an "Augsburg Immanuel" page on Facebook.

School Board: No report.

LYF:

- The zip lining event to Kinmundy was well attended and enjoyed by all.
- Planning is in motion for the upcoming Romans and Christians event.

Trustees' Report:

- Budget was presented for home and mission – a motion to accept was made, seconded, and approved.
- A bid was submitted for janitorial services by Allen Sasse – a motion was made to accept the bid, seconded, and approved.

Sunday School:

- Still struggling with attendance – only had 7 students this Sunday.
- Working on Christmas program for this year. With attendance so low in Sunday School it may be difficult to complete the program as in years past.

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: Everything is fine.

Sexton:

- Still waiting on cemetery expansion work to be completed – contractors work on another project has created the delay on the cemetery project.
- Thrivent will pay some on the rock bid with Lotz trucking in 2014.
- Cemetery landscaping – still looking at a fall project for completion

Old Business:

- The district requires a change to the draft of the church constitution presented. Pastor will continue to work on this project with the district.

New Business:

Elections:

Tellers appointed for the election were Lee Schaal, Denny Schukar, and Bob Williams. The results are as follows:

- Chairman: Kurt Meseke (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Moe Schukar (volunteer)
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: Jerry Schukar
- Treasurer: Scott Torbeck

- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Greg Schaal
- School Board: Mark Ehrat
- Finance Man: Denny Meseke (volunteer)
- Financial Reviewer: Ronald Harmier (appointed)
- Parish Hall Director: Alan Sasse (volunteer)

At the conclusion of the voting the tellers were released by Vice Chairman Moe Schukar.

A discussion was held following the vote on who can hold offices in the church. Due to the decline in voting members, and the same voting members serving multiple terms in a church office, perhaps non-voting members should be included in the consideration for church office. No motion was made and the matter was held for further discussion.

Pastor's Salary:

A proposal was made to follow district guidelines. The Pastor will receive an increase of \$XXXX for 2015. A motion was made to accept the proposal, seconded, and approved.

Nominations:

The congregation is seeking nominations for the next voter's meeting for District President and Circuit Visitor.

Other New Business:

Evonne Stephenson presented a letter to the voters expressing her feelings about the youth programs, and then resigned as Youth Director for the church.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Thanksgiving: Lutheran World Relief
- First Advent: Armed Forces Ministry
- Second Advent: Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
- Third Advent: LAMP Ministry
- Christmas Eve: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Candlelight Service: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Christmas Day: KFUO
- New Year's Eve: The Lutheran Hour

A motion was made to accept the special collections, 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.