

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters Meeting
January 11, 2015

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

Minutes from the October 12, 2014 voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members:

New Adult Confirmed Members:

Alex Campbell
 Claire Potthast

Transfers:

Transfer out: Alice Erickson
 Transfer in: Ty Meseke

Releases: None

Treasure's Report:

The report was presented. No questions were asked of the treasurer.

Financial Reviewer: The annual review of the books was completed and reported to be satisfactory. A motion was made to accept both reports, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

- Have been meeting regularly with the pastor. There are no church issues to report.
- The elders discussed the upcoming nominations for District President and Circuit Visitor with recommendations for Pastor Mark Miller for District President and Pastor Wright of Altamont for Circuit Visitor.

Pastor's Report :

- Pastor reported on 2014 attendance and activity for the church and congregation. A copy of this report is included with the minutes.

School Board: No report.

LYF:

- Christmas greenery sales went well for the group.
- The Christmas party in December was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Trustees' Report:

- No issues to report.

Sunday School:

- Still struggling with attendance. Everyone is encouraged to invite parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday School.
- Still need a teacher to help with Sunday School. Anyone interested should contact Rick Sasse.

Bible Class:

- The study titled "The Longer Look" continues. This lesson expands on the sermon text each week for a closer look at the scriptures and messages they contain. Classes are well attended and well received. All are encouraged to attend and learn more about the Bible and God's teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- Cemetery landscaping has been completed.
- Looking to complete the cemetery expansion project this spring.

Old Business:

- The nominations for District President and Circuit Visitor were discussed.
- The recommendations from the Church Elders were as follows:
 - Pastor Mark Miller to continue as District President. A motion was made to accept this nomination, seconded, and approved.
 - Pastor Wright of Altamont to serve as Circuit Visitor. A motion was made to accept this nomination, seconded, and approved.
- The nomination forms for the President of the Central Illinois District were completed and signed by the church Chairman, Secretary, and Pastor Frazee and sent to the District for processing.

New Business:

Organ Repairs:

A discussion was held on the state of repair for the church's old organ. It was noted that it is a beautiful, historic organ, and an effort should be made to keep it in repair. The builders of the church at great effort and expense installed this unique organ, and it would be a shame to let it waste away.

In previous voter's meetings, it had been discussed to get the organ back into better working order prior to the church's anniversary in 2017. Scott Gercken has donated his mileage reimbursement toward this effort. So there are funds earmarked for this project in the church's organ fund.

A discussion was also held concerning the expense of fixing the organ. Since we do not know what is required to bring the organ back to working order. A motion was made to investigate it further, seconded, and approved.

A call will be made to get an estimate of the repairs to the organ.

Pastoral Convention:

A Pastoral Convention is to be held July 5th through the 7th. Pastor is seeking a delegate from the congregation that would like to accompany him to the convention.

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.

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.