

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 10, 2016

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

Minutes from the January 10, 2016 voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: Garrett Austin

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: Jeff, Mona, Aleia, and Alexis Beckman

Releases: None

A motion was made to accept membership changes and additions, seconded, and approved

Treasure's Report:

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

Elders' Report:

- Everything is going well. There are no church issues to report.
- Continue to meet with the Pastor on an "as needed" basis.

Pastor's Report :

- Pastor presented a report concerning the new directory, Lenten rotation, Youth and Adult Catechism, and the upcoming anniversary services and committee. A copy of the pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

School Board: No report.

LYF:

- Game night and bingo all went well this quarter.
- The help the youth provided at the Ladies' Aid soup luncheon and at the Easter breakfast was commended and greatly appreciated by the entire congregation. Thank you to the kids and leaders for all of their help.
- Youth are meeting regularly, and all is going well.

Trustees' Report:

- Problems again with basement flooding and a sump pump failure. A back-up pump that ran off the church's water supply in the event of a failure or electrical outage had been shut off due to a leak in the pipe. If you notice a problem in the church or parish hall, please be sure to inform someone of the issue – either a trustee or the pastor. Everything is so interconnected any more, we need to make sure by fixing one thing we don't mess up another.
- Replacing a pump and getting the floors dried and cleaned will be required.
- No other new projects to report at this time.

In the event that the cost of repairs exceeds the trustees' limit, a motion was made to approve any funds needed for completion of the repair project in the church basement, seconded, and approved.

Sunday School:

- We had 10 kids in attendance this Sunday. Numbers appear to be going up a little, but more is always better. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to attend and learn about our faith.
- The Sunday school is seeking a volunteer from the congregation to serve as teacher for any grades.
- We are also still looking for someone to serve as superintendent.
- Under consideration is a program that would allow the older kids to work with the younger kids in Sunday School. A rotation would be set up in which the older kids would learn a topic to share with the younger children. This appears to be a win/win situation, the younger grades get a fresh lesson and perspective from the older kids, and the older ones get a better understanding of the topics they will be covering. We are looking to implement this program in the near future.

Bible Class:

- The study is on the book of Genesis, and will continue for several weeks. Classes are well attended and well received. We have many interesting, informative, and sometime lively discussions. Come investigate the Bible, and join us in discovering the meaning of God's word and teachings. All are encouraged to attend and join in the discussion.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business:

School Board:

As discussed in the January 10, 2016 quarterly report, the school board was formed for the sole purpose of managing the affairs for the school formerly in Augsburg.

Since the school has been closed for many years, and the tasked designated to that group can easily be absorbed by the congregation, a motion was made for the elimination of the offices of the school board.

Two member votes are required for the disbanding of the School Board. The first was held at the January 10, 2016 Voters' Meeting.

The second vote on the matter was held, and the motion passed.

New Business:

Pipe Organ Repairs:

Repairs to the pipe organ will begin in the next week or two.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the first quarter:

- Mother's Day – LWML
- Father's Day – Armed Forces Ministry

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.

Pastor's Report Spring 2016

Transfers in: Jeff, Mona, Aleia, and Alexis Beckman

Communicant: Garret Austin

Easter has already come and gone, but it is still spring. Much has been accomplished over the last few months.

Starting in January, we began having photos taken for a new directory. The photography sessions are completed; and the additional photos have been scanned in, put in order, and the whole project has been sent to LifeTouch for processing. The next step is receiving a preview copy to review and return so that we may get the official copies.

In the process of preparing for the photography, our committee spent hours on the phone and in communication with members who have been out of touch. Some of them have begun coming again, and some I will begin to make contact with in the coming weeks.

The Lenten rotation went well again—aside from the weather. We had a cancellation and some snow, but we were able to hear God's Word. Then we celebrated Easter with a breakfast, Easter Egg hunt, and service with beautiful spring sunshine.

Youth catechism has been completed for the year and will resume in the fall. Last night I met with a new group to start another round of Adult Instruction.

With completion of our end of the Directory, I have begun meeting with a group concerning anniversary services and ideas for next year, incorporating both the Reformation anniversary as well as the anniversary of our church building.

This month, I have CID Spring Pastor's Conference from the eleventh to the thirteenth. In July, I will be taking the second through the ninth off for vacation. I'm in the process of finding a substitute preacher and brother from our circuit to fill in for any emergencies.