

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

January 15, 2017

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

Minutes from the October 9, 2016 posted in the December newsletter. Those present were asked for changes or additions to the minutes as posted. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members:

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: Teresa Barnick, Kristen Barnick, Bernice Edwards

Releases: None

Treasurer's Report:

The 2016 annual 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
- Meeting regularly and on an "as needed" basis.
- Due to a shortage in organists, the elders are planning to advertise for the position.

Pastor's Report:

- 2016 was a busy year with several baptisms and confirmations in the church. A list of the baptized and confirmed can be found in the pastor's full report included with these minutes.

LYF:

- The youth Christmas party went well, and the group helped with the Christmas program.
- They plan to regroup in January and get back to regular meetings.
- The LYF would also like to express their gratitude for the newly donated piece of carpeting recently placed in the youth room.

Trustees' Report:

- The trustees reported on the receipt of a piece of carpet donated by Allen's Furniture Store. The carpet would fit nicely in the nursery, which is in need of new carpet. A motion was made to approve the installation the new carpet, seconded, and approved.

Sunday School:

- The Sunday School thanks Rick Sasse for his work on a great Christmas program, as well as thanking all of those people who helped.
- The Sunday school continues to seek a volunteer or volunteers from the congregation to serve as teacher for grades 1-4 or 5-8. We are also seeking someone to serve as Assistant Superintendent for Sunday School. Please let one of the church officers know if you are interested, even if work schedules keep you from attending every Sunday. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Bible Class:

- Curious about the Old Testament? The study continues on the book of Genesis. Our journey through Genesis leads us to many good discussions of God's word and what it means for us today. All are encouraged to attend. Come join us in discovering the meaning of God's teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- Some cemetery maintenance is needed, mainly grade issues. We have some settling and standing water issues that need to be addressed.
- Also working on a solar light project for the cemetery flag pole.

Old Business: None

New Business:

New Christmas Tree:

Many members of the church have expressed the need for a new Christmas tree for the sanctuary. The Ladies Aid has taken on the project of finding us one. They have located a suitable replacement. The Church Council recommended that the tree be purchased.

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

Voters Meeting Time and Participation:

A discussion was held concerning the timing of meetings and seeking additional participation from the congregation in the managing of the church duties. A proposal was made to schedule the next voters meeting for April 23, 2017 immediately following the church service.

A motion was made to set the new meeting date, seconded, and approved.

All church members are encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting and learn of the duties of the congregation required to provide all the services the church offers. If you have any questions or suggestions, please be sure to bring them up at the April meeting.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Ash Wednesday – Fort Wayne Seminary
- 2nd Lenten – Bethesda
- 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

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.