

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 16, 2017

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

Minutes from the April 23, 2017 posted in the May 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: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: Anna Dickhut – Frazee

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

Releases: None

Treasurer'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:

- Continue to meet monthly with the pastor.
- Keith Ehrat has resigned as elder, and the vacancy will need to be filled through a special election.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor is currently working to cover the vacancy in St. Peter while they search for a pastor to replace the retiring Pastor Emerick. A copy of the pastor's full report included with these minutes.

LYF:

- A Missouri trip scheduled for early June was cancelled due to illness.
- LYF is on summer break with meetings resuming in the fall.

Trustees' Report:

- During a recent insurance inspection of the parish hall, it was noted that we need to install GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters) outlets in specific locations of the kitchen that are near a water source. This will be taken care of.
- Clayton Gathe has resigned as trustee, and the vacancy will need to be filled through a special election.

Sunday School:

- Everything is going fine and attendance is remaining fairly steady.
- The group was reminded of the upcoming VBS (Vacation Bible School) and the need for volunteers. Those present were also encouraged to invite attendees for the event. Money raised at the VBS and through a door offering will go to aid the Concordia Missions Outreach for underprivileged children.
- The Sunday school continues to look for help, both as teachers and an assistant superintendent, and as always, more children to attend.

Bible Class:

- Our study on Genesis and the Old Testament continues. We have some very good discussions about meaning of the Word. Come join us.
- While the Pastor Josh is helping our church neighbors in St. Peter with their vacancy, we are having some scheduling issues for bible study. Pastor is working on one of several possible solutions to our current scheduling dilemma. Please watch the bulletin for possible scheduling changes.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- The flagpole light is up and working.
- There has also been some work done on some of the low spots in the cemetery.

Old Business:

Cemetery Sign:

There has been some progress on getting bids on a sign for the cemetery. However, as of meeting time not all bids have been received. The matter will be revisited at the October meeting.

Voters' Meeting Times

In April the Voters' Meeting was held directly following the church service. In discussion, those present thought that it worked out well. Going forward all of the quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held immediately after church services, except for the October meetings. The October meetings involve the nominating and voting for officers, and these "voting" meetings will still be held in the evening. Therefore, starting in January we will meet immediately following the church service.

All members of the church are encouraged to attend, become a voting member, and participate in the operation of the church.

Tractor Sunday:

RFD does a salute to country churches, and some rural churches have had what they call “tractor” Sunday. The farm members of the congregation drive their tractors to church to remind the community of the importance of agriculture in their lives, and to remind everyone about the importance of the church and its role in our lives. The event has been scheduled for August 13th. RFD has been contacted, and the local newspaper will be present for the event. Please drive your tractor to church that day. If you have any questions, please contact the elders or the pastor.

New Business:

Special Election:

A special election was held to fill vacancies for Elder and Trustee. Gene Schaal and Mike Bauer served as Tellers for the election.

The Trustee position is for a remaining term of 18 months. Steve Hickerson volunteered to fill that position.

The Elder position is for a remaining term of 3 ½ years. Lee Schaal was elected to fill that position.

Motion was made to accept the election, seconded, and approved. The Tellers were released and thanked for their service.

Anniversary Committee Report:

The following plans were discussed for the 2018 building anniversary celebration:

- A special service on July 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM preceded by a catered meal beginning at 11:30 AM and a special speaker yet to be determined.
- The committee is looking to replace the attendance books in the pews and purchase new flags for the church – the flags we have were installed in the 1970’s.
- A book is also being prepared for the history of the Augsburg church. It is approximately 200 pages of local history, and will be available for purchase. The cost of producing and purchasing the books is not yet known.
- The committee also looked into the possibility of putting cushions on the pews. They have received bids, and will be seeking input from the congregation on installing the cushions.

If you have a suggestion for, or a question about, the upcoming anniversary celebration, please contact pastor, Art Schukar or any other member of the committee.

Special Collections:

No special collections for the 3rd 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.