

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 22, 2018

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

Minutes from the January 14, 2018 voters meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion of the previous minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: Cody Warner, Logan Smith, Maddi Cripe

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly report was presented. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

Continue to meet with pastor on a monthly basis. During these meetings, the elders and pastor are focusing their efforts to contact delinquent church members. This is their priority for the next several months.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor's vacation will be from June 29th through July 6th, and July 16th through the 20th.
- District Convention is from July 8th through the 10th. There is still opportunity for a member of the congregation to serve as convention delegate. Please contact the pastor if you are interested.

Pastor's full report was distributed to those present at the meeting. A copy of that report is included with these minutes.

LYF:

- The group did a fantastic job serving the Easter breakfast. Thanks to all who helped make this possible. Your hard work and efforts are greatly appreciated by the congregation.
- The group also helped with the Ladies' Aid soup luncheon, and their efforts were greatly appreciated in this also.

Trustees' Report:

- Sidewalk repairs have been completed, but there are still a few minor things that need to be completed per the insurance audit. We plan to get those taken care of before the end of this quarter.
- There are some issues at the parsonage that require some attention. Loose and missing wallpaper needs to be addressed. We will contact someone to take care of these issues.

Sunday School:

- We are always looking for more kids to join in the fun.
- We still need volunteers to help with teaching at all levels. If you are interested in working with the children, and helping them learn the faith, please contact the pastor or Bob Williams.

Bible Class:

- Well, we made it through Genesis, and a great journey it was. Now we are learning and discussing the Augsburg Confession and the Lutheran Doctrine. Interesting topic, you should come learn why we believe and do what we do. Come join us.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business:

Cemetery Sign

Following up on the discussion from the last meeting, it was decided to go with the more durable granite sign. A motion was made to accept the bid from Old Capital Monument in Vandalia for a grey stone sign to be installed. The motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was made for the placement of the sign in the center section of the cemetery at the sexton's discretion. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business:

Centennial Celebration

The following topics for the upcoming celebration were discussed:

- The celebration service will be July 15th.
- The Ladies' Aid will provide a catered meal at 11:30 that day.
 - Initially we are ordering food for 200. However, there will be a sign up and it is requested that you let us know how many people you plan to attend. We can increase the number of meals ordered prior to July 7th if it looks like we will have more than 200 people.
 - There will also be sign ups at the local churches planning to join the celebration to also give us an idea of the number planning to attend.

- Anniversary books are completed and will be available for order soon.
- An article about the celebration will run in the Lutheran Witness in June and July
- An article will be in the Vandalia paper prior to the celebration.
- The guest speakers have been set for the celebration.

While we still have a ways to go, a lot of work has gone into the planning of this celebration. All are encouraged to attend. So please invite your family and all friends of the Augsburg church to come join us.

Altamont Circuit Offering

Guest speakers are often invited to come speak at Altamont Circuit meetings. They provide training and current topic discussion for the pastors. A request has been made of the congregations throughout the circuit for donations to fund these speakers.

A motion was made for a free will door offering for this purpose. After some discussion, the motion was seconded and approved.

Tractor Sunday

With the success of last year's tractor Sunday, it has been suggested that we have another. The discussion included the following:

- Date of August 5th
- Possible outdoor service for that Sunday
- Advertising for the event
- Not limited to the congregation only. Make sure that all are invited to participate.

The matter was tabled to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mothers' Day -- LWML
- Fathers' 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

Pastoral Council Report Spring 2018

Communicant Membership: Cody Warner, Logan Smith, Maddi Cripe

We have remembered our Lord's suffering on Good Friday, and have heard again the wonderful Word that by Jesus' death on the cross, our sins have been forgiven. More than that, we have heard the Word that He was raised on the Third Day. Today we continue to celebrate His victory in all we do here at Augsburg because the Spirit continues to give us the faith to believe that Jesus has done all that needed to be done for our salvation.

This quarter, I baptized Kora Wasmuth; and confirmed Cody Warner, Maddi Cripe, and Logan Smith. Several of the area pastors and I once again rotated for services during Lent. I've prepared another couple for marriage and their wedding will be in May. I continue to lead chapel services at Brookstone, St. Peter School, and Long Term Care on a monthly basis and Lutheran Care Center in Altamont on a bi-monthly basis. I have also helped fill in at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School on a week when no one else was available.

In addition, I have asked the Elders if I may have June 29 through July 6 off and July 16 through July 20 off for vacations, which they have cleared. I'm in the process of finding substitute preachers and emergency contacts. These vacations will not interfere with the District Convention from July 8 through 10, the Anniversary service on the 15, or VBS. You are still welcome to be our Convention delegate if you so choose. It will be in Springfield, IL, and so you can commute if you want or need to.

Business: Altamont Circuit is asking for an annual offering or free-will offering for its guest speakers. We had a free-will offering after a service last year, but for the time being, it is being asked that this be an annual donation.