

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

January 14, 2018

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

Minutes from the October 15, 2017 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: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: Dusty Stine to Carlyle; Dan and Cindy Meyer to Salem

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

A motion was made to grant peaceful release to all three, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly and 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:

- Continue to meet with pastor on a regular basis.
- If you have issues or concerns with any aspect of the church, please bring those to the attention of the elders. We can't address an issue if we don't know about it. Please help us to deal with your concern without allowing it to get worse over time with no resolution. We can't fix it if we don't know it's broke.
- When submitting a name for the church prayer list, please include additional information as to the relationship to you and the church. Many members have expressed the desire to know who these prayer recipients are and why we pray for them.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor's report was distributed to those present at the meeting. There were no questions asked of the Pastor. A copy of the Pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

LYF:

- December meeting and Christmas party went well and was enjoyed by all present.
- The group plans on helping with the LWML soup luncheon later in the quarter.

Trustees' Report:

- The bathtub in the parsonage is leaking, and the trustees are searching for solutions to correct the problem.

Sunday School:

- We have great kids, but would like more of them.
- Christmas program went well, and a big thank you to all of those church members that helped make it all possible.

Bible Class:

- The study on Genesis is still going strong, but the end is in sight. That's right, we are nearing the end of our study on Genesis, but there is still time to get in on the discussion and to be there when we start a new Bible study topic. We've made it through creation, but there is a whole lot of Bible ahead of us.
- While Pastor was serving the St. Peter vacancy, the Bible class attendance dwindled. Unfortunately, it hasn't returned to pre-vacancy levels. So, if you used to come to Bible Class, please come back. If you didn't attend before, now is a good time to start. All are welcome to come and join the conversation as we strive to learn more about the Bible and its teachings

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

- The cemetery flag is ripped and will be replaced.

Old Business:

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund:

Research was completed on the steps required to create a standalone fund for the maintenance of the cemetery. Church Council has decided to table the issue for now, and will re-examine at a later date.

Cemetery Sign

A report and sign design samples were presented to the church council for the installation of a sign for the cemetery. A discussion was held to look at another company for comparison before the options will be presented to the congregation. Since concrete can't be poured until spring, the subject has been tabled until the April Voters' Meeting.

New Business:

Donations

There was a suggestion made that the church donate funds to the families of Wade Meseke and Cody Warner.

A motion was made to give each a \$200.00 gift card to help each family with expenses and seconded. After some discussion, the motion was carried.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the first 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 and Jerry Schukar.