

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 12, 2019

Chairman Mo Schukar called the meeting to order and led all present in prayer.

Minutes from the July 28, 2019 voters meeting and the September 8, 2019 vacancy call meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion on these minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Tellers were appointed for the election of church officers. Tellers were Denny Schukar, JoAnn Givens, and Albert Wefer.

Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: None

Baptisms: Cooper Lee Meseke

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: Corie Smith.

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

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 work through the call process. Members are encouraged to contact the elders with questions they may have regarding the church.

Pastor's Report:

Confirmation has started with Immanuel students attending St. Peter and St. Paul classes.

A copy of the pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

LYF: No Report

Trustees' Report:

Repairs have been completed on the security lights in front of the church and parish hall.

Trustees received bids for church maintenance for 2019. They were as follows:

- Custodian – Karen Torbeck \$5,200.00
- Church Prep – Karen Torbeck \$3,100.00
- Mowing & Snow removal (sidewalks), basement step maintenance – Steve Lotz \$5,000.00

A motion was made to accept the bids as presented, seconded, and approved.

An annual budget for the church was also presented for 2020, and is as follows:

- Home \$120,000.00
- Synod \$10,000.00

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, and approved.

Sunday school:

Sunday school is going well, but more students and teachers are always welcome.

Bible Class: No Report

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

The water issues have been addressed in the center section of the cemetery. The area was leveled, seeded, and a pipe was installed under the driveway to allow for proper drainage.

Old Business: No old business reported.

New Business:

Elections:

- Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Denny Lange (volunteer)
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: Jerry Schukar
- Treasurer: A motion was made to appoint Scott Torbeck as Treasurer, seconded, and approved.
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Finance Man: Denny Schukar (volunteer)
- Financial Reviewer: Jerry Schukar (outgoing elder volunteer)
- Parish Hall Director: A motion was made to accept Scott and Karen Torbeck as parish hall directors, seconded, and approved.
- Sunday School Superintendent: Susan Williams
- Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: Matt Sasse

A standing motion was made to accept the voting results and the new officers.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Thanksgiving: Lutheran World Relief
- First Advent: Armed Forces Ministry
- Second Advent: Lighthouse Pregnancy Center

- Third Advent: LAMP Ministry
- Christmas Eve: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Candlelight Service: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Christmas Day: KFUE
- New Year's Eve: The Lutheran Hour

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

Pastor Call Options:

A call had been sent to Pastor Jeffery Dock during the September 8, 2019 congregational meeting. That call has been refused. In their ongoing effort, the elders presented the following options to proceed with the call process:

- Request a new call list from the district.
 - There are four other churches requesting a call list from the district. Expected date for receipt of a new list would be December 22, 2019.
 - Congregational meeting planned for January 5, 2020.
 - Four to six weeks for the pastor to consider the call and make a decision.
 - Expected date of completion for this process would be February 2, 2020.
- Use the existing call list
 - Revisit the existing list and present those to the congregation for consideration.
 - Expected completion date for this process would be December 29, 2019.
- Use the existing call list with an additional pastoral candidate recommended to the elders by Pastor Lange.
 - The elders have contacted this individual and are waiting on candidate information from the district. Hope to receive that during the week of October 13th.
 - When this information is reviewed, this candidate may be added to the list to be presented at the call meeting November 3, 2019.
 - Expected completion date for this option is January 15, 2020.
- Submit a request for a graduating seminary student to serve as pastor for Augsburg.
 - The deadline for completion of this request is February 28, 2020.

A motion was made to cancel the October 20, 2019 congregational call meeting, and reschedule for November 3, 2019. This will give the elders time to receive the information on the possible new pastor candidate, review it, and make a recommendation to the congregation. The motion was seconded and approved.

The election tellers were released and thanked for their service.

Since we did not have a quorum present at the meeting, a special meeting will be called following the October 19, 2019 church service to obtain approval for the elections and actions related to the call process taken at this meeting. 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