

St. Luke Lutheran Church – Wheaton, Kansas LCMS

Minutes of Voters' Meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2023

The October 15, 2023, Voters' meeting was called to order on Sunday following morning worship by Bruce Abitz, Chairman. Pastor Terry opened the meeting with prayer. Nineteen signed the roll.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 26, 2023, were presented in the packet. Milton Falk moved to approve minutes as printed. Dennis Schwant seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's report was presented in the packet. There being no questions, Dennis Schwant moved to approve, Ardell Kufahl seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Website. The website is being worked on with Karen Harder and Mike Sanford. She reports they are "getting there".

Ramp. The "ramp" Lee Steinmeyer has ordered the iron for the repair project. He hopes to get to it this Fall.

Tree Trimming. Will Henneberg has a plan to trim. Not done yet.

Parsonage kitchen sink and countertop and bathroom sink. Kevin Haefner still would like to do this, but will need some help. Bruce reported that Loren Abitz and he would help out when Kevin is able to do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Mowing. Randy Kufahl has done the summer mowing of the church property. Motion to pay him \$200.00 for mowing service. Milton Falk moved and Karen Harder seconded to approve paying him \$200.00 for 2023. Motion carried by voice vote

Housing Allowance. Pastor Terry is asking for an increase to \$4,000.00. Karen Harder moved and Milton Falk seconded to increase this allowance. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mission Budget. Chairman Abitz asked about the mission budget. It is currently \$4,000.00. Motion by Milton Falk to leave it same as it is. Dennis Schwant seconded motion. Motion carried by voice vote. If there is an overage collected, what to do with it??? Following discussion, Martin Henneberg is going to check into a donation to a church in the Dominican Republic, as they will be traveling there over the holidays. Karen Harder moved to table the overage collection donation. Eugene Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Parsonage Storm Doors. Chairman Abitz reported the parsonage is in need of two storm doors on the West side. Pastor reported the memorial monies of John Minsch may be used for such purchase. Following discussion, Eugene Pierson moved to purchase two "Larson storm doors"; Loring Kufahl seconded motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Advent Candles. Pastor Terry reported he had purchased new Advent candles but he is concerned they are not of the quality he would like. He may send back. He will make a decision soon.

Basement Kitchen West Wall. Chairman Abitz reported the West wall of the basement kitchen is cracked and leaking. Needs repair. It will be a project to address in the spring.

Officer Candidates Slate. The slate of candidates is in the packet. Election will be in January, 2024.

REPORTS:

Pastor's Report. Pastor Terry gave his report.

Discussion of the Christmas worship services. After discussion of pros and cons, it was consensus to have Saturday eve, Sunday morning, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, and no New Year's Eve or New Year's Day services.

Passing of the collection plate. Pastor Terry also reported that most all churches have begun passing the collection plate at worship services. We will begin on the last Sunday of October. Motion made by Eugene Pierson and seconded by Milton Falk to begin offering plate collection as before Covid conditions were of concern.

Sunday School. Ireta Schwant reported they are now using new teaching materials. All old teaching material has been destroyed. She said "thank you" for all the new teaching curriculum.

LWML. Ireta Schwant reported the annual church supper went very well. The number in attendance was down. We served 168 adults, 12 children and 3 preschool children. The bazaar table went well. It cleared \$234.00.

Youth. No report

CLOSING:

Milton Falk moved to adjourn, Dennis Schwant seconded motion. Motion carried by voice vote. We closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Ireta Schwant

Acting Recording Secretary