

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS, WHEATON, KANSAS

MINUTES OF VOTERS' MEETING - SUNDAY, January 20, 2024

The Quarterly Voters' meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Abitz, on Sunday, January 20, 2024 following morning worship and a lunch served by the Youth Group. Nineteen signed the roll.

The Minutes and Treasurer's reports from the October meeting were reviewed. Alan Fischer moved we approve the minutes with a second by Milton Falk. Motion approved by voice vote. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Chairman Abitz noted that due to cash on hand; there had been a transfer to a CD. A motion was made by Milton Falk and a second by Alan Fischer to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion approved by voice vote.

Old Business:

Church Website Chairman Abitz explained that Karen Harder has the website [www.stlukelutheranwheaton.com](http://www.stlukelutheranwheaton.com) up and running. Current information, history, meeting minutes and more are included. The address is printed in the weekly bulletin.

Ramp Chairman Abitz reported this will be completed in the Spring.

Parsonage Tree Trimming Chairman Abitz reported this is not done yet. They will be waiting for nicer weather.

Mission Money Chairman Abitz explained the Dominican Republic church option was not available. New suggestions for these funds were discussed. Susan Magnett moved we give this money to St. John Lutheran in Alma. It was moved by Ireta Schwant and seconded by Milton Falk. Motion carried by voice vote.

Parsonage Door Milton Falk asked that James Revell and he go to Menards to make a selection for door purchase this Spring.

New Business:

Auditing Committee Chairman Abitz asked for three volunteers for this committee. Dennis Schwant, Tom Kasten and Susan Magnett will be on this committee.

Defibrillator Chairman Abitz announced that with an anonymous donation, a defibrillator has been installed at the back of the church. Taylor Starns provided a demonstration on this at our Church Council meeting. Instructions are provided with the unit. A training following a church service will be considered.

Church Cleaning Chairman Abitz explained the last time a deep cleaning of our church was completed was in September 2021 for \$2700 by Zip Clean Pro. Ireta Schwant moved to contact them again and also have Dixie Revell ask Maggie Barnes if she would be interested. Motion seconded by Milton Falk and approved by voice vote. Barb Depew will contact Zip Clean Pro.

Calling Tree Chairman Abitz said when church was recently cancelled; some members were not aware. Notification is sent to TV stations, Facebook and Website; but some do not use these services. Ireta Schwant has created a new calling tree list. It will be printed and distributed.

South Cemetery Milton Falk shared there is a Hetzler headstone at the old church site recognizing the family that donated the land to the church. He suggested it be re-engraved and placed by the current church rock at the site. Fredrick Wegner also donated the cemetery land. It was suggested to place a memorial rock at the cemetery for him. Susan Magnett made a motion, seconded by Ireta Schwant for Milton to proceed with this plan. Motion carried by voice vote. Alan Fischer explained he has access to rock to be used for this memorial.

Budget The budget was reviewed by the voters. Ireta Schwant questioned that the Sunday School offerings looked very high at \$4904. It was discovered that this amount had been flipped with the Missions budget line. There was also a question about why the housing allowance was not shown. Chairman Abitz explained this was for tax

purposes. Milton Falk moved to accept the budget as amended. The motion was seconded by James Revell and approved by voice vote.

Elections Chairman Abitz explained the slate of officers was printed in the meeting packet. He said that Jason Krohn has been added to the Trustee list due to Kevin Haefner's health. Milton Falk moved we cast a unanimous ballot. It was seconded by Dennis Schwant and approved by voice vote.

Chairman: Bruce Abitz (incumbent)  
Elder: Tom Kasten (incumbent)  
Trustee: Will Henneberg (incumbent)  
Recording Secretary: Barb Depew (incumbent)  
Treasurer: Karen Harder (incumbent)  
Finance Board Member: Donn Teske (incumbent)  
Finance Board Secretary: Eugene Pierson (incumbent)  
North Cemetery Board: Danny Marten (incumbent)  
South Cemetery Board: Eugene Honig (incumbent)

Parsonage Countertop and Sink Installation Chairman Abitz asked for recommendations for this service. Luke Harrison was suggested. Discussion was the church treasury or memorials would be used for payment. Milton Falk moved we contact Luke. It was seconded by Alan Fischer and approved by voice vote.

Kitchen Wall Repair it was discussed there continues to be water problems in the kitchen and basement areas. Some ideas for companies to do mud jacking and foundation repair were discussed. Eugene Pierson said he would contact Keating Mud Jacking. Lamunyon Foundation repair was also suggested.

Tables and Chairs Susan Magnett explained their family plans to use Milton Henneberg's memorial funds to purchase four lightweight tables and one dozen stacking chairs with arms for our church.

Basement Thermostat It was discussed the thermostat continues to not work properly. Chairman Abitz will check with Travis Figge and Lonnie Kufahl about service on this.

Parking Lot Gravel It was discussed there will be a plan to add gravel to the West side of the parking lot.

Lent Paster announced that 7pm Lenten services will begin on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be provided by Ladies Aid. Future meals will be planned by other church groups.

#### Reports:

Pastor's Report A written report was provided. Pastor explained the plan by the District to have St. John's and McFarland, Trinity Lutheran Church, work together for pastoral services did not work. Pastor Grimm is only able to work limited hours due to health. Pastor DeGiovanni will stay on as vacancy Pastor at McFarland for Administrative services and continue to preach one Sunday per quarter. There is a plan to hire Pastor Bono from Topeka who is currently in private practice to do the other services. McFarland will pay our visiting Pastor when our Pastor does services there.

Sunday School No report.

Ladies Aid No report.

LWML No report.

Trustees Report- Discussed in the agenda.

Dennis Schwant moved to adjourn the meeting. Ireta Schwant seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Depew,  
Recording Secretary