

St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Voters' Meeting

April 22, 2007

President Ken Arndt called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Pastor Bitter opened with a prayer. (Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary.) 21 voters were present.

Secretary's Report

MSP: To dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written.

Membership

- MSP: To ratify Alexander Bowlby's application for membership
- MSP: To ratify Cynthia Ann Frost's application for membership
- MSP: To ratify Rachel Frederickson's transfer from Immanuel, Oshkosh
- MSP: To ratify Janice Smith's transfer to St. Peter's in Fond du Lac

Christian Growth Committee

Carl Lehner is looking for a volunteer to be in charge of Vacation Bible School for this summer.

Outreach Committee

Art Pahnke's committee is still working on improving our church's video projection system. He has met with representatives from Silica, Ransoms, and Henri's Music. He hopes a solution can be in place before fall.

Lutheran School Committee

- The school pizza sale is in progress.
- Mrs. Callaway's husband has returned the divine call that he received from Eagle River.
- There will be a PACK meeting and Appreciation Dinner on Monday, May 7th.
- One new student has enrolled in next year's kindergarten making a total of five. Preschool enrollment is currently at six.

Shepherding Committee

Tim Panzer is working with the new computer system to provide this committee with the latest communion attendance records. John Roehl and his committee are planning on contacting those members as needed.

Properties Committee

- Dave shared an estimate to replace the gym fixtures and lights. The total cost would be \$6928.78. The council had decided it would be ill advised to go forward with the project at this time.
- The work to repair and upgrade the electrical system at the parsonage has not yet been done.
- The new electrical outlets in the gym have been installed.
- Dean Geisthardt will contact our heating contractor to get more information on operating the programmable thermostats. Call Dean (920-948-5173) if there's a problem with heat or A/C.

WLA Representatives

Jim Bilitz reported that Principal Randy Westphal has requested to step down from his position as principal, but remain as a teacher. The plenary board will consider the matter at its May meeting. Mr. Justin Gregorius is being suggested as his replacement.

A new band director/music teacher has been requested from the Martin Luther College assignment committee.

Anniversaries Committee

Ken Arndt reported that there would be special services and a reception on Sunday, May 6, to celebrate Pastor Bitter's 25 years of ministry at St. Luke's.

On Sunday, September 23, there will be special services to celebrate our 10th anniversary of our new church. Synod President Karl Gurgel will be our guest preacher and Dale Witte will play the organ. More information will be presented as the date approaches.

St. Luke's will celebrate Pastor's 40 years in the ministry in the spring of 2008.

Plans are also being made to celebrate Mr. Bilitz's 40 years in the teaching ministry in the months ahead.

Finance Committee

Tim Panzer presented his report. The General Funds offerings totaled \$71,412.03 for the

first quarter of the year. This is \$3386.28 behind budget.

- The Baehler Trust deposit for the first quarter was \$9008.98. The total for the year will be about \$21,000.
- The budget approved by the voters is \$25,173 above our anticipated receipts and about \$4000 over last year's budget.
- Offerings are almost \$4000 behind last year's at the same point in the year.

70 member surveys have been turned in. The church's files will be updated from the information received.

MSP: To approve the financial secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund receipts for the first quarter were \$71,412.03. Expenditures were \$82,291.00 or 25.39% of the budget. This leaves us a deficit of \$10,878.97.

The checkbook balance is \$11,438.12. This includes the recently redeemed Parish Improvement Fund CD.

MSP: To accept the treasurer's report.

Auditing Committee

MSP: To accept Bruce Rhode's report that our treasurer's books are in good order.

Baehler Trust Fund

Dave Kenyon reported that our mortgage balance is \$80,198.61. There are two CD's with the synod's Church Extension Fund. One for \$5191 matures on May 22 and the other for \$5400 on January 15, 2008. The checkbook balance is \$234.95.

Unfinished Business

None

Church Council Recommendations

- The church council purchased 60 chairs and 6 tables for Easter breakfast and the up coming anniversary events. 5 of the 6 tables had damage. Replacements are to arrive on Monday, April 23. MSP: To approve payment for chairs and tables from the Parish Improvement Fund.
- The church council has contacted Lakeview Electric to repair and upgrade the electrical system at the parsonage. This will include 200-

amp service and will bring the system up to meet the current electrical codes. There had been a small fire in the system. MSP: To approve paying \$2292.51 from the Parish Improvement Fund for the electrical work.

New Business

- Tim Panzer reported that the new computer system should be fully operational sometime next month. He is working with Brian Lutze of BGL Computers. Tim explained the necessary hardware and software purchases. There will be a new church Internet address and email addresses. Church bulletins and Council and Voter minutes will be available online. The cost is being split between the Parish Improvement Fund and our school. See Mr. Miller if you're interested in having any of the outdated equipment. www.stlukesOakfield.com
- Voters noted the need for more electrical outlets in the school hallway. The exterior outlet on the north side of the church may not be working. The Properties Committee will look into it.

After a MSP to adjourn, the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sankey
Church Secretary