



St. Luke's Lutheran Church & School

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Voter's Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2010

President Rick Reehl called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Pastor Goelzer opened with a prayer and devotion 'The Great Commission'. 20 voting members were present.

Secretary's Report

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

Pastor's Report

A written report of membership activity and church attendance was discussed. Our total membership is currently 464.

Membership – Ratification of Council Actions

MSP: To transfer Aaron & Michelle Steinke and Gus & Stephanie Mielke both to St. Peter's, Fond du Lac.

Christian Growth Committee: Tom Laich reported that the Sunday Family Bible Study was doing well but attendance could be better. Also, the Sunday School program has grown a little as have the weekly Bible study programs.

The Teen Bible Study group had a meeting; the study was on serving each other and the church.

Outreach Committee: Bruce Rhode reported that Mission Festival will be held on Sunday, October 17th. Guest speaker, Pastor Thomas Schmidt will conduct the services and a potluck dinner will follow the late service.

The 2011 Spring Blast is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th.

Also, a plan for the St. Luke's Thanksgiving dinner to help those in need was discussed.

Lutheran School Committee: Dan Flood reported on a Preschool Proposal for 2011-2012 with a possible (6) children attendance based on a two year study. Amber O'Laire & Joanne Tetzlaff

helped organize/collect the information for the study.

Shepherding Committee: No report.

Properties Committee: Rick Reehl reported that the work on the parsonage by Central Restoration, LLC was completed; the beam was replaced and garage floor sealed at a cost of \$7,143.00.

Additional projects are pending.

WLA Representatives

It was reported that the WLA budget was raised by 3% and will be finalized sometime in the spring of 2011.

Finance Committee: Tim Panzer reported total receipts for the General Fund are \$221,053.42. The total of all offerings is \$239,277.17. General Fund offerings thru Week 39 are \$8,232.83 behind budget.

The Student Aid Fund has a balance of \$600.07.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Tetzlaff reported that the 2010 General Fund deposits are \$239,277.17 with expenditures of \$248,288.93. The balance (including the carryover from 2009) is a negative \$94,354.86. The checkbook balance is \$6,216.08.

Our mortgage balance with the Baehler Trust is \$41,997.13. Our bank and member loans total \$61,505.42. Bank payments included interest only for the month of October.

MSP: To accept both financial reports.

Unfinished Business No report.

New Business

MSP: To close the Student Aid savings account at the Oakfield Bank and move that account into the General Fund.

MSP: To recess the nomination elections to Sunday, November 14th following the late service.

MSP: To approve the proposed budget as a working budget until January's voters meeting.

MSP: To approve for use the new St. Luke's logo.

MSP: To recess until Sunday, November 14, 2010 follow late service...

President Rick Reehl called to order the recessed voters meeting of Sunday, October 10, 2010 at 11:34 a.m. on Sunday, November 14, 2010.

Continuation of New Business

MSP: To accept Gary Seyfert & Joshua Metzger as voting members.

Rick Reehl announced the list of nominees for (3) current Church Council vacancies – Barry Zuelke, Gary Seyfert, Tim Haack and Dennis Loduha. Rick then announced three times if there were any other nominations from the floor.

MSP: To close nominations.

A vote was taken and the three nominees chosen to fill the church council vacancies were Dennis Loduha - School Committee, Gary Seyfert - Outreach Committee & Barry Zuelke - Shepherding Committee,

President Rick Reehl thanked all the nominees for their acceptance of service to the council/church.

MSP: For proposed Bylaw changes on the Article IV: Ministry Committees of the Church Council be updated to include: **1.5 Each committee may not spend more than 10% over their budget without the approval of either the church council or the voter's.**

MSP: For changes under Section 6: Finance Committee, 6.2 amended to replace: 'The money shall be kept in a separate account apart from the regular accounts of the congregation' and made to read: **The money shall be tracked as a separate line item by the Treasurer and be kept in the Church's Primary Checking Account.**

...and also to eliminate in this same section: 'The financial secretary shall report the balance of the account to the congregation'.

MSP: For additional Bylaw changes noted below to Article VII: Election of Church Officers, Section 1: The nominating committee shall consist of those members of the church council whose term of office expires at the end of the calendar year. The pastor **and council president are** ~~is an ex-officio~~ **also**

members of this committee. Section 2: This committee shall **put a notice in the bulletin the first two Sundays in August that candidates are being sought for church council and anyone wishing to serve should contact the Church President. This Notice should also list whose terms will be expiring, and that a listing of the responsibilities of each church council positions are available. At the August Council Meeting the nominating committee will** select from the voting membership a slate of candidates to replace them in keeping with the scriptural requirements stated in Article VIII, Section 1 of the constitution. The slate of candidates shall be published ~~in the weekly church bulletin on the first two Sundays of September. Thereafter, consent of each nominee is necessary for candidacy.~~ **at least twice in the weekly church bulletin, with the second publishing being at least three weeks before the voter's meeting, along with the notice that a listing of the responsibilities of each church council positions are available. The Council President must also get the consent of each nominee for council before the election is held.**

Ken Arndt reported that Thrivent Insurance matched some funds a year ago to buy a tree for the church; an Autumn Blaze Flowering Pear tree was purchased and planted on our property.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

MSP: To adjourn at 11:46 p.m., 11/14/10.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Geisthardt
Church Secretary

Copies of all reports are available from the church council secretary and from St. Luke's report website. reports.stlukesoakfield.com