

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS, WHEATON, KANSAS 66521

Voters' Meeting - Sunday, April 27, 2025

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The April 27, 2025 Voter's meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Abitz at 11:10 after worship service. Pastor DeGiovanni gave a prayer prior to the meal.

Dennis Schwant moved we approve the January minutes and treasurer's report. It was seconded by James Revell and approved by voice vote.

Chairman Abitz shared a thank you from the Christmas family and thanked the Youth Group for providing the Lenten meals.

Old Business:

Audit Committee Report Tom Kasten, committee member, reported the audit was complete and the financial records are in order.

Tree Removal Chairman Abitz announced that Nick Cooper had removed the tree and that fill dirt will be added soon.

Veteran's Rock Chairman Abitz reported that Milton Falk had reported that a plaque would be more expensive than adding a rock with names. Chairman Abitz said the plan was that the flag pole will stay at the North Cemetery. There was discussion that the rock needs to be marble to last longer. Additional options were to add Veteran information in the cemetery directory. The consensus was to purchase a stone. Another suggestion was to have a special offering or consider memorial money for funds. The plans were tabled until Milton could provide cost of stone and engraving.

New Business:

Painting the Parsonage Chairman Abitz explained that Larry Stelter has offered Rosella Stelter's memorial money to paint the parsonage. Gloria Falk explained she had hers done in one day for \$3000 by a team of painters. Her house was power washed. This is recommended. Karen Harder moved and it was seconded by Alan Fischer that we proceed with finding a painter, getting estimates and leaving it up to the Chairman to hire a painter. Motion passed with a voice vote. After discussion, Alan Fischer made a motion to paint the house white with window and soffit trim color to match the roof. Motion was seconded by Ireta Schwant and carried with a voice vote. Ruth Kasten noted there is a broken window on the parsonage. Chairman Abitz said it will be repaired by a Trustee.

Lawn Mowing August Falk has been doing the church mowing. An increase in the payment of \$50 to \$60 was suggested by Chairman Abitz. Larry Stelter moved we pay \$60 for church mowing. Motion was seconded by Dennis Schwant and approved by voice vote.

Youth Group – Tracy Meyerkorth reported the group has \$708.75 left to raise. She explained there was \$2042 matched funds from the Lenten meals that will cover this expense. She thanked the Ladies Aid for a donation of \$1500.00. Chairman Abitz thanked the Youth Group for doing snow removal.

Recording and Posting Church Services Chairman Abitz said it has been suggested we record our Church services and share on social media. There were questions if the viewers could be counted in church attendance. Pastor explained only those physically present could be counted. He explained the viewers'

numbers could be shared in our reports. It was discussed if children's pictures could be shared on our website. There was discussion to check with families and possibly have a waiver signed to allow this. Some discussion was held about the type of equipment to use. Martin Henneberg explained his work has resources for this purpose. Karen Harder explained she would look into this option and report back.

Sunday School in the Park Chairman Abitz asked if this is planned by the Sunday School on the first Sunday in June. Ireta Schwant explained this may be held on church grounds and it is still being discussed.

Hymnal Ribbons Lee Steinmeyer said that new page marker ribbons are needed for our hymnals. He explained they had used plastic strips to hold these at their past church. Pam Steinmeyer agreed to work on this project.

Stair Hand Rails Lee Steinmeyer explained he is planning to complete this when weather allows.

Reports

Sunday School Given above.

Pastor's Report A written report was submitted. Pastor announced that he and Tom Kasten would attend the June convention.

LWML Ruth Kasten reported there would be two representatives from our congregation at the July convention.

Dennis Schwant moved the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ardell Kufahl. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Depew,

Recording Secretary