

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

Voters' Meeting - Sunday, July 14, 2024

The July 14th, 2024, meeting of the Voters was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Abitz, following Sunday morning worship service. Pastor Terry DeGiovanni opened the meeting with prayer at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes and Treasurer's report were handed out and voters were given a short time to read them. Dennis Schwant moved to accept the minutes as printed, Tom Kasten seconded, motion carried by voice vote. The Treasurer's report was presented. Susan Magnett moved to accept, Eugene Pierson seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Bruce announced that Milton Falk with the help of Dave Ladner installed the new storm doors in the parsonage.

And the two stones for the South Cemetery are done, one is delivered and the second one is coming the next week.

The parsonage counter top has been installed by Kurt Schmidt of Onaga together with some helpers. There still needs to be a backing installed together with some kitchen and bathroom painting.

The North cemetery and church lawn weeds have been sprayed Also, the North cemetery board (Danny Marten and Curtis Haefner) has decided not to do the rock layer between the double grave domed markers at this time, due to it not being very successful in keeping the weeds under control.

The church/parsonage lawn lost the Bradford Pear tree during a recent wind storm. The Henneberg family took down the rest of the tree.

The church Cleaning: Maggie Revell has been cleaning the church on a regular basis for the three month trial. Discussion followed to continue as present, once a week, or every two weeks. Eugene Pierson moved to keep the schedule of once a week and review it again in October, once she has the deep cleaning caught up. Susan Magnett seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS: The tree at the Northwest corner of the church is needing major trimming. Martin Henneberg moved to take the tree down, Dennis Schwant seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Pastor told the air conditioner in the parsonage had been recently repaired. It was decided to have Lonnie Kufahl check the AC and furnace units for the parsonage and church, in the Spring and Fall, to include changing the filters as needed.

A new thermostat was installed in the church basement. It seems to be working much better. It was discussed about getting new thermostats for the parsonage and the church. Karen Harder moved and Dennis Schwant seconded to do that. Motion carried by voice vote.

Pastor announced there are 0 ants in his kitchen. After discussion, it was voted to have the parsonage and the church sprayed by an exterminator. Ruth Kasten moved and Eugene Pierson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Martin Henneberg asked if there was any rain damage in the basement from the recent rains. Susan Magnett said there was water in the office room as the carpet was wet.

Martin Henneberg also talked of the large funeral we recently had for Kevin Haefner, and there were people in the basement, due to the overflowing attendance at the funeral. He indicated it would be good to have a video system available for future use .

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor told of the District convention which will be in June 5 and 6, 2025, in Salina, Kansas. We need a lay delegate by the end of November.

Those running for office are **Circuit Visitor:** Rev. Michael Schmidt; **District President:** Rev. Justin Panzer ; **District Vice-President:** Rev. Alan Stahlecker and **District Secretary:** Rev. Christian Schultz.

Motion made by Karen Harder and seconded by Bob Matzke to have Pastor submit the names we would vote for, as he is familiar with those running for office. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Lutheran Witness subscription rate has gone up to \$32.00 a year. Let Pastor know if you want to subscribe. Make check payable to the church, with memo of **Lutheran Witness subscription.**

Pastor will be gone next Sunday, July 21, 2024, attending the McFarland worship service and Voters' meeting there, and Pastor Bono will be here in Wheaton. Pastor encouraged everyone to attend and support our visiting minister.

The ladies bathroom sink faucet is broken. Lonnie has ordered a replacement.

August Falk has been doing the church grounds mowing (7 mowings so far) After discussion, motion made by Eugene Pierson to pay \$50.00 each mowing. Seconded by Dennis Schwant. Motion carried by voice vote .

Reports:

Pastor's Report: A written report was reported together with a verbal report about the District election at convention, 2025;

Sunday School: Closed for the Summer, will start again in September. Thank you to all those who attended the June 3rd (church in the park) which was held here at the church due to the wet conditions at the city park.

LWML: Ruth Kasten thanked all those who helped in any way with the funeral lunch for Kevin Scott Haefner funeral on July 12.

The ladies were asked to serve the lunch at the Wheaton Fire Station. Please pick up your food containers which were brought back to the church basement. And Ireta Schwant told of the upcoming Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert event on Sunday, July 28th at 5 p.m .here on the church grounds. Harlan Teske will be providing some musical entertainment as well and the Youth Group will have a fun activity!

Also, a funeral lunch for Reneta Alice Fischer was served here at the church basement on April 30, 2024.

Trustees report: Discussed in the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Ireta Schwant, Acting Recording Secretary