

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

Voters' Meeting - Sunday, January 20, 2025

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The January 20, 2025 Voter's meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Abitz at 11:30 following a meal served by St. Luke Youth Group after worship service. Pastor DeGiovanni gave a prayer prior to the meal.

Milton Falk moved we approve the October minutes. It was seconded by Dennis Schwant and approved by voice vote. The Treasurer's report was reviewed. There was a question by Milton Falk about designation of excess 2024 Mission funds. Chairman Abitz explained there was an October vote to send these to St. John's Alma. Milton Falk moved to accept the minutes. James Revell seconded the motion and it was carried by voice vote.

Chairman Abitz thanked all who helped to make the Christman Program a great program that all should plan to attend this each year.

**Old Business:**

Tree Removal Chairman Abitz announced tree removal was completed and stumps will be filled soon.

Parsonage renovations Chairman Abitz reported that updates have been completed. A back door light is still needed.

North Cemetery Veteran's Plaque Milton is still checking on options for this project.

**New Business:**

Youth Group – Tracy Meyerkorth provided a printed report on the LCMS National Youth Gathering expense needs and fundraising. The group raised \$2000 by doing basketball concessions. Total fundraising income is \$5909.63. Total income needed is \$11,823.70 by the end of July 2025. The group is currently selling burritos (1/2 dozen \$30; 1 dozen \$50). She explained the group is selling slots \$1-100 on a board and if all sell they will raise an additional \$5000. Their fundraising events are shared on Facebook and in the community. Tracy announced the Youth are willing to serve all Lenten meals this year. The voters said they were appreciative and supportive of this. Susan Magnett indicated the Ladies Aid would meet to consider matching the income made from these meals.

Voters discussed supporting the Youth in the housing and transportation costs for the Gathering.

Ireta Schwant moved the congregation pay the base bus expense of \$3150, using Thrivent Choice funds. The motion was seconded by Susan Magnett and passed by voice vote.

Wanda Magnett moved the congregation match funds for Lenten Meals income, using operating funds.

Ruth Kasten seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. A suggestion was made by Kathy Revell that Youth provide service to the church by doing snow removal as needed. Tracy said the Youth will plan on this.

Audit Committee Chairman Abitz explained this committee is needed to review Treasurer's books. Susan Magnett, Dennis Schwant, and Tom Kasten agreed to serve on the committee. The committee will meet before church on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Section of land purchase Chairman Abitz explained Dustin Blow has requested to purchase a small V-shaped section (approximately 20ft.) of our church property to build a shop on their adjoining property. Chairman Abitz and Dustin had discussed a \$1000 purchase price and any additional costs for surveying, easement, etc. to be paid by them. Karen Harder moved the church accept the offer. The motion was seconded by Susan Magnett and approved by hand vote.

2025 Budget The proposed budget was reviewed. Milton Falk moved we add back a \$1000 St Luke Youth Group line item. The motion was seconded by Dennis Schwant and approved by voice vote.

Larry Stelter moved to accept the amended budget. The motion was seconded by James Revell and approved by voice vote.

Lenten Meals Chairman Abitz announced the meals would begin at 5:30pm with service at 7:00pm.

Elections The slate of officers was presented.

Vice Chair: Alan Fischer, Incumbent

Elder: Martin Henneberg, Incumbent

Trustee: Jason Krohn, Incumbent

Finance Board Chairman: Larry Stelter, Incumbent

Finance Board Member: Bobby Matzke

North Cemetery Board: Curtis Haefner, Incumbent

South Cemetery Board: Woody and Linda Henneberg, Incumbents

Karen Harder moved we accept the slate of officers as presented. Alan Fischer seconded the motion. It was approved by voice vote. Installation of officers will be held Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Reports

Sunday School Ireta Schwant reported they are fully staffed and hope to increase attendance.

Pastor's Report A written report was submitted.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Depew,

Recording Secretary