

St. John's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voter's Meeting March 17, 2024

Voter's Present: see attached sign in sheet

The meeting was called to order in the Fellowship Hall by President Reed Ohman, followed by an opening prayer by Pastor Benson.

Admission of new Members: none

Minutes from the previous meeting: Sara Welling, Secretary was not in attendance. Presented by Reed Ohman. The committee reviewed the copy of the December 10, 2023 minutes. During the discussion Ralph mentioned on the Elder's report it said, "Ralph requested a motion for purchasing Christmas Candy." Ralph provided clarification on the statement that he purchased the candy at no expense to the church. With no further discussion, it was moved by Ralph and seconded by Kent to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Minchow the Treasurer was not in attendance. Suzanne Wilson, the Financial Secretary reviewed the 2023 budget.

2023 Budget-\$131,405.00 Expenditures-\$128,857.26 See attached budget sheets

Budget committee meeting held on February 4, 2024:

Proposed 2024 Budget-\$139,771.00

- Increase Pastor Salary from \$44,468 to \$50,000 with a yearly increase of \$1,000.00
- Increase Office Wages: Church Secretary \$75.00 monthly; Financial Secretary \$75.00 monthly. (a motion was made by Ralph Fink and seconded by Craig Sorenson, motion passed)
- Increase Telephone & Internet \$100
- Pension & Health benefits increase of \$1,150
- Include \$1,000 for Missions (a motion was made by Deb Fink and seconded by Kent Ohman, motion passed)

Pastor's Report: See attached report

- Moving forward with continuing education through Trinity College Dublin in Ireland.
- Attended a Symposia at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.
- Contracted by Synod to co-write commentary on the Psalms which was completed.
- Pastor Mars has asked that he takes over the homeschool retreat in Casper in July.

Elder's Report

- Ralph Fink shared there was nothing new to report. The Elder's are going to meet more regularly.

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Trustee's report

Old Business

- Power pole has been replaced at no cost to the church.
- Parsonage Furnace/AC-review the two bids
 - Cool & Moore-\$10,000
 - Big Horn Heating & Cooling-\$14,899

A discussion took place and it was determined that funds from the project account, and savings account would be used to complete the project. A total of \$680 has been raised with continued efforts to raise additional funds.

Cool & Moore was awarded the bid through a motion by Kent Ohman and Seconded by Nichole Blain, the motion passed.

- Digital Sign-Pastor & Jeanette continue to investigate options. There is \$6,640 from memorial funds.

New Business

- Lutheran Cemetery-the property surrounding the cemetery is going to be subdivided. This should have no impact.
- Cross outside the church-The lights need to be replaced.
- Pinetree in the parsonage lawn-may need to have a tree company trim some branches.
- Cleaning day is March 23rd from 9:00-11:00. (Supplies and a "to do" list is in the parish hall, if you are unable to help out on Saturday)

Old Business

Parsonage furnace and air conditioning: A discussion took place and it was determined that funds from the project account, and savings account would be used to complete the project. A total of \$680 has been raised with continued efforts to raise additional funds. Cool & Moore was awarded the bid through a motion by Kent Ohman and Seconded by Nichole Blain, the motion passed.

New Business

- Election of Officers

Current Church Officers

Updated March 14, 2024

1. President

- Reed Ohman (entering year 2/2)

2. Vice President

- Kent Ohman (entering year 2/2)

3. Secretary (2 years)

- Vacant

1. Ballot: Sara Welling

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4. Treasurer (2 Years)

◦ Vacant

1. Ballot: Jim Minchow

5. Financial Secretary/Recorder (2 years)

◦ Vacant

1. Ballot: Suzanne Wilson

6. Elders

1. Ralph Fink (Entering Year 3/3)

2. Reed Ohman (Entering Year 2/3)

3. Vacant

1. Ballot: Bill Skidmore

7. Trustees

1. Nichole Blain (entering year 3/3)

2. Jeanette Ohman (entering year 2/3)

3. Vacant

1. Ballot: Mark Leonhardt

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to elect the offices as listed. The motion passed.

- Church Council Committee-See attached sheet

Next meeting date: June 16, 2024. The assembly closed with the Lord's Prayer.