

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS MEETING MINUTES – November 19, 2017**

Chairman, Jamey Backus called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with a prayer, 56 members signed the roster.

MOTION by Robert Schriefer to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 2017 Voters Meeting and approve as distributed, seconded by Kevin Herrmann, motion carried.

Agenda presented via PowerPoint.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Electronic offering – Vanco Payment Solutions was no longer endorsed by Thrivent Credit Union, so this is on hold for now.
- Church Music Solutions – We pay \$65 per service for 12 or less per year, \$45 for more than 12 per year. Purchased new iPad. Currently utilizing once per month, looking into more.

TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Presented by Jamey on PowerPoint. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

2017 Financial Report-Balances as of 11-11-17

Budget	\$148,089
Expenses*	\$127,536
Income	\$137,848
Short (From Budget)	\$ 10,240
Long (from actual)	\$ 10,312

*Including 10% missions.

Current Financial Report-Balances as of 11-11-17

Checking	\$26,796
Building Fund	\$25,132
Sunday School	\$ 2,261
Music Fund	\$ 740
Savings	\$ 4,767
Thrivent Choice	\$15,664

MOTION by Marc Schriefer to accept financial reports as presented, seconded by Doug Neuberger, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Faron Scherer

- Mentioned all transfers in & out. (See attached report).
- Worship time changed in August this past year.

EVANGELISM – Gerald Bieber

- Melissa Voegelé gave update on bible project. Thrivent Action Team did a project to receive \$250 to buy more bibles.
- Gideon speaker (Curt Meland) spoke to congregation. Free will offering of \$545 was received to support their work.
- Book of Reformation gives good illustration of the reformation. Book is available through church office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt (see attached report).

- Thanks to Katlyn Baker for leading VBS.

- Sunday school program going well. Thanks to all teachers who volunteer their time. (See attached report for list of teachers).
- Christmas program this year will be headed up by Anne Rosenow. It will be on December 24th at 4:00 p.m.
- Pros & cons with Sunday School being held after 10:00 worship. Will continue to evaluate; however, the options are limited.

LYF – Vicky Yeager

- LYF participated in “Feed My Starving Children” this past year. Received around \$1000 in donations.
- Good response from LYF for Trunk or Treat this year.
- Will be doing the angel tree project again this year.
- Vicky’s term is up this year and open.

STEWARDSHIP – Richard Simenson

- Stewardship consists of time, talent, and treasure. Thanks to all Sunday school teachers and directors.
- Thanks to dedicated organists.
- Thanks to Nona for helping with bell choir and all who participate.
- Thanks to work groups and leaders.
- Thanks to pastor for his spiritual leadership.
- Thanks to council members for their time and talent for what they do and past council members.
- Lutheran Witness magazine has a very good article on page 6 – “Where have all the Christians Gone.” Encourage everyone to read and for pastor to have confirmation students read and report on it.

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Jeff Gegelman - absent

- Jamey reported the dryer in the parsonage has been replaced, new faucets, and new closet doors. Parsonage needs new roof and that will get done this upcoming Spring.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Kent Larson

- Ladies groups had 3 funerals in the last quarter. Thanks to all of them for their work of serving and cleaning up.
- Nona and Girl Scouts have used the church on occasion.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Have put ads in the local paper for the special services and will continue to do that.
- Purchased candy for Trunk or Treat. Over 400 kids came through. Thanks to all who helped with that.

MOTION by Howard Winkler to approve financial and director's reports as presented, seconded by Kent Larson, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH REPORT – Pastor Heller – see attached report for details.

NEW BUSINESS - No new business.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Evangelism - Open
- Parish Fellowship – Kent Larson
- Public Relations – Open
- Young People’s Work – Open
- Lay Ministry – Chris Bonebrake, Lyle Yeager, Jonathan Schlender
- Finance – Casey Voigt

MOTION by Kevin Herrmann to cast unanimous ballot for election of officers as presented above, seconded by Ray Sorge, motion carried.

BUDGET

See attached worksheet. Note the cost of pastor's health plan has dropped because his children are no longer on the plan and only need to cover Pastor Heller and Tina.

MOTION by Robert Schriefer to accept the proposed budget for 2018, seconded by Gerald Bieber, motion carried.

MOTION by Faron Scherer to adjourn meeting, seconded by Kevin Herrmann, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Renner, Secretary