

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS MEETING MINUTES – November 20, 2016**

Chairman, Jamey Backus called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with a prayer, 51 members signed the roster.

MOTION by Robert Schriefer to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 2016 Voters Meeting and approve as distributed, seconded by Shanana Weigum, motion carried.

Agenda presented via PowerPoint.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parsonage repairs. Agreement with contractor for concrete work, contractor unable to do the work this year.

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

2016 Financial Report

Budget to Date	\$148,987
Expenses to Date	\$131,837
Expenses to Date (Including Missions)	\$146,455
Income to Date	\$141,570
Short (From Budget)	\$ 7,417
Short (from actual)	\$ 4,885

Through 44 weeks \$169 per week short (budgeted) \$111 per week short (actual)

2016 Financial Report

Checking	\$11,167
Building Fund	\$12,889
Music Fund	\$ 740
Sunday School	\$ 2,508
Savings	\$ 4,263
Thrivent Choice	\$13,442
Total	\$45,009

Balances as of November 6, 2016

MOTION by Robert Schriefer to accept financial reports as presented, seconded by Aaron Rosenow, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Faron Scherer – (since last Voters meeting)

- Transfers in include Eric Bickerstaff, Lacey Walker, Joshua Sommerer.
- Transfers out include Wade Becker and family to St. Paul's in Kemmer, Wyoming, and Blake & Cheryl Wiedrich to Bethel in Bismarck, North Dakota.
- Peaceful release Devin Renner.
- Released to themselves after two letters sent out include Erika Barnick; Aaron Eisenbeis; Corey Eisenbeis; Burnell Fandrich; D.J. Hafner; Landon Henke; Kristin Keeper; Krista Kurtz; Ruthlynn, Jonathan, Daniel and Jacob Paul; Mitzi Philbrick; Danylle Reinhardt; Devan Reinhardt; Dustin Renner; Shannon Schroeder; Bruce Stevens; Nichole Stevens; Jennifer Tengesdal; Erika Sullivan; and Laura Walker.
- Elders with terms up include Faron Scherer, Shanana Weigum, & Bruce Voegele who all have agreed to renew.

EVANGELISM – Gerald Bieber

- Discussion of Bible project by Melissa Voegele. Started Fall 2014 with 40 Bibles, so far given out 33. Two more will go to the families of the angel tree gifts. Gerald pointed out that *Lutheran Witness* is good reading material.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Sunday School teachers this year are Pre-K Katlyn Dschaak. Anne Rosenow and Joslyn Frey for grades 1, 2, and 3. Deb Bonebrake and Michelle Schlender for grades 4, 5, 6, and Melissa Voegele for grades 7, 8, and 9. Melissa Voegele and Pastor Heller teach Wednesday school.
- Anne Rosenow did VBS this year.
- Christmas program this year will be organized by Katlyn Dschaak to be held on December 18.
- Attendance this year is up with around 40 the first week and now leveling off around 30 per week.
- Discussed that cookies and drinks must be kept in the fellowship hall and not be brought back to the education wing.
- Discussed discipline of students.

LYF – Vicky Yeager

- Report is from February to now.
- LYF and Elders served soup and sandwich.
- 1 LYF student went to Higher Things in Fort Collins, CO, this year. Encourage those who have been confirmed to go this year either in Bozeman, MT, or Indiana.
- Trunk or Treat was a success this year. 17 trunks handing out and ran out of candy before time set to end.
- Will be shopping with LYF as a service project for the angel tree.

STEWARDSHIP – Richard Simenson

- Stewardship – time, talent, and treasure to glorify God in our church and congregation. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6.

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Tom Bornemann – absent

- Jamey reported on concrete work being delayed until next year due to contractor issues, interior work at parsonage, parking lot cracks sealed, and looking at light fixtures in church.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Kent Larson

- Thanks to 3 ladies heading up work groups.
- Have used church this past year for 4-H, Girl Scouts, baby showers, and a couple of individual gatherings.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Trunk or Treat was success. Thanks to all who helped and those who donated.
- No children's shopping spree this year. Have names of 2 families for angel tree. Shopped and the store gave 30% off total purchase. Unknown lady in store heard what they were doing and then donated 3 totes of clothes also. Wrapping party will be Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30. Could use donation of boxes.
- LWML gathering food supplies for WARC this year. Must be at the church by December 21.

MOTION by Aaron Rosenow to approve financial and director's reports as presented, seconded by Glenn Renner, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH REPORT – Pastor Heller

1. See attached report.
2. Also currently have adult class for new members under way.

- Discussion of National Convention the following amendments in which the council agreed upon: The 2016 Official Ballot, Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Constitutional Amendment A (Amends Articles V B and XII 10 B to remove “assistant pastors” from the lists of “advisory members [only]”) to vote for the proposed amendment.
- The 2016 Official Ballot, Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Constitutional Amendment B – (Amends Article IV by inserting, after “Synod,” the words “in convention is empowered to and has formed corporate entities which.”) to vote for the proposed amendment.
- The 2016 Official Ballot, Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Constitutional Amendment C – (Amends Article XI E 2 to replace instances of “Synod” with “The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod” and to clarify that “for the purposes of this article, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod includes both the Synod formed by this constitution and the Missouri corporation formed by the Synod.”) to vote for the proposed amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

- Auto offering – electronic funds transfer (small fee per transaction, couple different companies offer this service, to be discussed in future council meetings and will be offered both ways.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Lay Ministry – Faron Scherer, Shanan Weigum, Bruce Voegele
- Church Council – Executive Director Jamey Backus, Assistant Executive Director Kevin Herrmann, Education Terence Schmidt, Stewardship Richard Simenson, Church Properties Jeff Gegelman, Secretary Carla Renner, Treasurer Jean Bornemann, Finance Lonny Buchmann.
- Doug Neuberger has been appointed to fill the vacancy for Blake Wiedrich.

MOTION by Kent Larson to cast unanimous ballot to accept nominations as presented for newly elected officers, seconded by Terry Dschaak, motion carried.

PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

- Notable increases – parsonage expenses including concrete repair and Evangelism/LWML to offset the cost of convention/travel.

MOTION by Faron Scherer to accept budget as presented, seconded by Shanan Weigum, motion carried.

Thrivent Choice Expenditures

2013

- None

2014

- None

2015

- \$10,000 for church roof project
- \$204 for church flowers (outside)

2016

- \$1000 donation to member
- \$198 for flowers outside church
- \$600 for Microsoft Office for pastor’s and church secretary’s computers (not in PowerPoint presentation and not discussed at meeting but should have been).

Marlene Schriefer thanks all Thrivent members for contributing their dollars to Concordia.

Discussion of applying for community action events. Norma Sailer applied for one and received \$250 gift card to have LWML advent meal. LWML will buy the food and then have potluck. Donations raised will be sent to

seminary student at Fort Wayne as Christmas present. Jamey Backus also applied for one for his wife's sister to help with fleischkuekle feed fundraiser.

MOTION to adjourn meeting, seconded by Aaron Rosenow, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Renner, Secretary