**St. John Lutheran Church, Port Hope, Michigan**

**Quarterly Voters’ Meeting Minutes**

**January 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chairman Alan McTaggart.

Opened with prayer by Pastor Dodge.

Chairman reminded all to sign the register and, if they hadn’t already, to sign the (Rev. 2019) Constitution. 20 members signed register.

Moved by Gary Eggert, support by Don Clark to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Corinne Abraham, support by Harold Collings to approve the Secretary minutes from the October 16, 2022 Voters’ Meeting as printed in the January 2023 newsletter. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Pastor – **Holy Baptisms:** Timothy Hart (fiancé of Tammy Kessel) – 11/8/22;

Ella Kraft (infant daughter of Caitlyn & Kevin Kraft) – 12/18/22

**Confirmation:** Logan Iseler (son of Mike & Laura Iseler) – 10/30/22

Moved by Harold Collings, support by Gary Eggert, to accept Logan Iseler into communicant membership. Motion carried.

**Transfers Out:**

Moved by Harold Collings, support by Albert Bender to transfer Meadow, River, and Forrest Williamson to Faith Community, Las Vegas, NV. Motion carried.

Moved by Marv Woodke, support by Harold Collings to transfer Kim Musolff (Kuper & Quentin) to Zion, Harbor Beach. Motion carried.

**Deaths:** Jim & Peggy Bailey – 12/??/22 (memorial service in the spring)

New **L.W.M.L. Zone Pastoral Counselor** (3 yr. term) – Pastor Dodge

 **Synod Convention**, July 2023 in Milwaukee, WI. Pastor Dodge is Alternate Circuit Delegate.

 **Special Services**

Wednesday, February 22, Noon & 7:00 p.m.: “Ash Wednesday”

Wednesdays in Lent: Noon & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2: “Palm/Passion Sunday”

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.: “Holy (*Maundy*) Thursday”

Friday, April 7, 1:00 p.m. (“Chief”) & 7:00 p.m. (*Tenebrae*): “Good Friday”

Saturday, April 8 (video only): “Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil”

Sunday, April 9, 6:00 a.m. (Sunrise) & 10:00 a.m. (Day): “Easter”

Treasurer – Denee Schave

 Balance Sheet – Budget 9.30.22 – 12.31.22

Beginning Balance $354,861.45

Income $57,800.41

Expenses $105,920.15

Kaufman Trust Balance $197,073.10

Working Balance $109,668.61

Special Funds Accounts Balance $125,479.55

 Barnabas -$264.72 (As of today’s date, this fund is now positive)

 Choir $87.02

 Church Improvement $19,921.21

 Communion Ware $371.33

 Media $1,902.66

 Record Preservation $5,530.56

 Sewing Circle $200.00

Stained Glass $94,421.53

 Trust Fund $995.71

 Trustee $2,114.25

Endowment Fund Balance $185,821.01

 George Schelke Fund Balance $24,801.88

 Scholarship Fund Balance $14,349.42

Church Extension CD $17,488.43

 George Schelke CD $30,605.18

Financial Secretary – Larry Finkel: 2022 Contribution Statements are in the church mailboxes.

Elders – Gary Eggert: nothing to report.

Trustees – Albert Bender: They’re working on the stained-glass windows. Looks like we have enough to pay for them. Any extra will end up going into the Church Improvement Fund.

Within budget for fixing heating system. Upcoming need: point & tuck brick on church.

Board of Christian Education – no report

Sunday School/VBS – Albert Bender: One student in Sunday School. We will host VBS this year.

Long Range Planning Committee – Albert & Pastor met.

Endowment Fund Committee – The committee has met! Marv Woodke reported the original principal balance of $169,368 will always stay in the Fund, only the interest can be spent on the school. To date, $66,520 has been spent. The Fund had $13,101 in interest to spend and $12,000 was committed to the expense of the furnace.

Audit Committee – Reported by Lori Kowaleski that they met with the Treasurer and nine accounts from 2021 (not including the Flower Fund) were audited. No discrepancies.

Church Interior Carpet Committee Report – Marv Woodke reported that the upstairs carpeting and main floor is done. The “12 Apostles” have been a wonderful help. The panels for the lights will be replaced while the pews are out and they’ll be shortening a couple pews for wheelchairs or electric carts.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Harold Collings, support by Denee Schave, to nominate, upon the recommendation of Pastor Dodge, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison (incumbent) for Synod President, Rev. Peter Lange (incumbent) for Synod 1st Vice President, and Rev. Dr. John Wohlrabe (incumbent) for Synod Regional Vice President. Motion carried.

Moved by Corinne Abraham, support by Denee Schave, to nominate Larry Finkel as Lay Delegate to vote for President. Motion carried.

Audit Committee – Don Finkel’s term was up. Chairman appointed him to a 3-year term.

Moved by Marv Woodke, support by Harold Collings, to authorize spending up to $40,000 of the Kaufman Trust Estate for removing the chimney from the church and for purchasing a generator for the church. Ballot Vote: 19 Yes; 0 No. Motion carried. The balance of the Kaufman Estate funds will be invested in Thrivent (part in long-term and another part in short-term).

Moved by Harold Collings, support by Carol Clark, to transfer ($12,000) funds from the Endowment Fund to the bank to pay for the cost of the heating system. Motion carried.

Moved by Marv Woodke, support by Corinne Abraham, to add Marissa Siemen to the Endowment Fund Committee. Motion carried.

Adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 11:58 a.m.

Submitted by Sandy Landenberg, Secretary