**Quarterly Voters Meeting Minutes**

October 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 11:24 a.m. by Chairman Alan McTaggart, opened with prayer by Pastor Dodge.

Chairman reminded all to sign the register and, if necessary, to sign the Constitution (Rev. 2019).

41 members signed the roll call register.

Moved by Marv Woodke to add Tuition to the agenda under New Business, above the Budget 2023. Moved by Gary Eggert, support by Ray Emerick to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Les Weiss, support by Denee Schave, to approve the secretary minutes from the July 17, 2022 Voters Meeting and the minutes from the August 14, 2022 Special Voters Meeting as printed in the October 2022 newsletter. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

Pastor –

Baptisms: Forrest Austin Williamson (toddler son of Dustin & Autumn Williamson; Las Vegas, NV; grandson of Carol Young) – 7/31/22 outside service;

Thomas James Sadro (toddler son of Jamie [Schulte] & Justin Sadro; Ubly) – 9/25/22;

and Ella Kraft (daughter of Caitlyn & Kevin Kraft; San Diego, CA) – 12/18/22

Confirmations: Junior: Logan Spencer Iseler (son of Mike & Laura Iseler) – 10/30/22, 10 a.m.

Review process with Pastor, elder, parents, & Logan today; Logan to read his paper 10/23/22

Adult: Timothy Hart (father of Ellanore Hart; fiancé of Tammy Kessel) – 11/13/22, 8:00 a.m.

Transfers Out (Needs approval): Bethany Pawlowski (Nathan, Gavin, Carsyn) to Our Savior, Bad Axe;

Peaceful Release (Requested): Joshua Lee Polly

Deaths: Walter Schave – 8/20/22 (funeral: 8/23/22); Pauline (Ginther) Emerick – June 2022 (“celebration of life” at Sportsmen’s Club: 9/25/22)

Pastor’s Vacation: Sunday, November 20 (sub. pastor – Rev. Lee Wenskay, *Emeritus*, Pigeon)

Holiday Services:

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, 11/24/22, 9:00 a.m. (With Communion)

Mid-week Advent series (“Angels: The Ultimate Divine Messengers of Hope”) Wednesdays, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, noon & 7:00 p.m.

Christmas (Eve) Program, Saturday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas (Eve) Candlelight Service, Saturday, December 24, 11:00 p.m.

Christmas *Dawn*, Sunday, December 25, 8:00 a.m.

Christmas *Day*, Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Eve of the Circumcision & Name of Jesus – *New Year’s Eve* (and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed): Saturday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

Circumcision & Name of Jesus – *New Year’s Day*: Sunday, January 1, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Day: Friday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Larry Finkel, support by Greg Schave, to approve the transfer of Bethany Pawlowski (Nathan, Gavin, Carsyn) to Our Savior, Bad Axe. Motion carried.

Moved by Gary Eggert, support by Denee Schave, to approve a peaceful release of Josh Polly.

Motion carried.

Treasurer – Denee Schave

Balance Sheet – Budget 6.30.22 – 9.30.22

Beginning Balance $372,223.00

Income $68,752.08

Expenses $86,113.63

Kaufman Trust Balance $218,966.10

Working Balance $135,895.35

Special Funds Accounts Balance $156,849.10

Barnabas -$442.73

Choir $87.02

Church Improvement $53,810.72

Communion Ware $293.32

Media $1,824.65

Record Preservation $5,452.55

Sewing Circle $200.00

Stained Glass $92,878.10

Trust Fund $917.69

Trustee $1,827.78

Endowment Fund Balance $185,113.91

George Schelke Fund Balance $24,704.87

Scholarship Fund Balance $14,335.37

Church Extension CD $17,488.43

George Schelke CD $30,601.32

Financial Secretary – Larry Finkel explained how he comes up with the figures on the back of the bulletin and reported we are behind.

Elders – No report

Trustees – Albert Bender gave updates on steps, doors, windows, boilers, changing glass in light fixtures, and re-doing the rooms on each side of the chancel before carpeting.

Board of Christian Education – Clara Gust

We are currently supporting 16 students for Christian education at Zion.

Sunday School/VBS – Albert Bender reported on the number of students in Sunday School, the Christmas program, and that it’s our turn to host VBS this next upcoming year.

Long Range Planning Committee – no report

Endowment Fund Committee – Marv Woodke reported that the Endowment Fund has $12,000 to give to the church to pay for the furnaces at the school, can only spend interest.

Audit Committee – Lori Kowaleski reported that they are meeting tomorrow to audit the 2021 books.

Church Interior Carpet Committee – Marv Woodke reported that the carpeting for the church has been delayed. We’ll wait until the new year.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

KAUFMAN ESTATE – St. John’s donation to Missions – Marv Woodke reported that we would be giving 10%. A list of recommendations from Pastor Dodge was passed out. Moved by Clara Gust, support by Janice Bender, to approve sending 10%, $5,000 to Rev. Steven Mahlburg, missionary to Sri Lanka, and the remaining money to be distributed equally to LWML, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LLL), Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Lutheran Bible Translators, Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, P.O.B.L.O., M.O.S.T., and Hmong Mission Society. After discussion, the motion was amended to include the Alaska missionary/mission the Sunday Bible Class supported in the past. Ballot vote – 40 yes, 0 no.

Motion carried.

**PARSONAGE ALLOWANCE** – Moved by Marv Woodke, support by Harold Collings, for Pastor to use up to $10,000 for parsonage allowance. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Moved by Janice Bender, support by Kathy Mausolf, to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Officers Elected: Vice Chairman – Marv Woodke; Secretary – Sandy Landenberg; Elders – Rick Finkel, Les Weiss, Greg Woodke; Trustee – Albert Bender, Dave Schelke; Board of Christian Education – Sally Arndt, Brittany Smaglinski; Finance Board – Carolyn Collings, Jan Schulz, Cody Siemen, Marissa Siemen, Kristen Weiss, Steven Weiss

**NEW BUSINESS**

TUITION – Moved by Marv Woodke, support by Carol Clark, that St. John discontinue payment of tuition and busing of the students attending Zion Lutheran School. Discussion followed.

Ballot vote – 28 yes, 12 no. Motion carried and included destroying the ballots.

Moved by Marv Woodke, support by Lori Kowaleski, to create a Tuition Fund and to seed that fund with $5,000 for the initial year, up to a $10,000 cap. Discussion followed. Ballot vote – 36 yes, 2 no. Motion carried and included destroying the ballots.

**BUDGET 2023** – Chairman Alan McTaggart went over the 2023 Spending Plan. Moved by Larry Finkel, second by Linda Weiss, to approve the budget of $205,050. Ballot vote – 37 yes, 1 no. Motion carried and included destroying the ballots.

Moved by Clara Gust, support by Larry Reinke, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Submitted by Sandy Landenberg, Secretary