

St John Voters Meeting Minutes July 13, 2014

President Ron Rathe called the meeting to order. Pastor Wolter opened with prayer.

Roll call was answered with seventeen voters in attendance.

March meeting minutes were presented for review. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Immanuel has invited St John's congregation to join them at a special worship service in celebration of their 140th anniversary. This service will be held at 10 am on September 14 at Immanuel, if St John accepts this invitation. Discussion followed. Motion made in favor of joint service and second. Motion carried. Neither worship nor Sunday School will be held at St John's on Sunday, September 14.

Pastor will be on vacation the afternoon of Sunday, July 20 to Monday, August 4. Pastor Schramm will be the guest pastor for worship during this time and Pastor Mortenson will be on call to provide pastoral support in the event of an emergency.

Pastor requests the congregation provided feedback to the Elders on the summer sermon series.

President's Report: A circuit forum will be held to elect a pastor and a layman to represent the circuit at the National Convention. A Circuit Visitor must also be nominated. A recommendation was made that the congregation consider a disaster assistance donation to St John's Pilger, NE.

First Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake, Idaho is requesting financial assistance to build a new church. No action was taken in support of this request per voter consensus.

Treasurer's report presented for review. Discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Board of Education: Vacation Bible School went well, 35-40 youth an evening, on average, in attendance. Sunday School Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 21 and teachers are needed.

Board of Elders: The Board is awaiting review of proposed bylaw revisions.

Board of Evangelism, Fellowship, and Mission: Bookmarks were given to congregational members and residents of the local care facilities in honor of Mothers Day & Fathers Day. The Board is requesting ideas for the Johnson County Fair parade float. Pastor is to include this request in future worship bulletins.

Board of Stewardship: No report, thanks for contributions!

Board of Trustees: Two members of the congregation have been hired for mowing/edging of both the church and parsonage lawns as there was not a sufficient amount of volunteers.

Messages have been left for both Zimba Roofing (Paul) of Hastings and their subcontractor regarding the church roof leak. This is a warranty issue and the Board is awaiting their response.

Motion made and seconded to approve the board reports as presented. Motion carried.

Beautification Committee: No report.

Memorial Committee:

Preschool Committee: Ten applicants for the next school year. Both the teacher and aide will be returning. A cleaning day is to be scheduled prior to the start of the new school year. Orientation will be scheduled for early August. The Committee is currently accepting written bids for the purchase and removal of the old playground equipment. The new equipment is being purchased from Playworld Systems.

Youth Committee: Pastor advised that District President Sommerfeld indicated that it is possible to call a DCE (Director of Christian Education) to serve all churches in the circuit. The servant events went well.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A motion was made, nominating Kirk Bartels as lay representative to the Circuit Forum this fall with Steve Bartels as the alternate. This motion also included nomination of Pastor Rathjen and Pastor Wolter as candidates for Circuit Visitor. Motion seconded and carried.

A \$1000 disaster assistance donation will be sent to St John's Pilger, NE from the Adult Bible Study offerings.

Proposed bylaw revisions were read aloud by Pastor and shared in print with the Voters Assembly. Copies will be made available on the back table in the church overflow.

The next Voters Meeting is scheduled for October 12.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Cheryl Bartels, Secretary