

## **St. John Voters Meeting Minutes December 15, 2013**

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

Roll call was answered with twenty-three voters present.

September meeting minutes were presented for review. Motion made by Kirk Bartels and seconded by Steve Bartels to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor responded to an inquiry regarding home visits of members. Some visits were completed earlier in the year, none scheduled at present.

**President's Report:** President Rathe has appointed Tracy Wolter (for three years) and Janene Bartels (two years) to serve on the Preschool Committee, beginning in 2014. Thanks were offered to Amy Borrenpohl and Steve Nolte for their past service. Lisa Bartels will remain a committee member for one more year. Motion made and seconded to approve these appointments. Motion carried.

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

**Board of Education:** Sunday School and Christmas program practice going well. Board members will be reviewing the Sunday School attendance recognition program.

**Board of Elders:** Pastor has sent a letter to inactive members and he may provide the Elders further training on ministering to these individuals in the future. Board of Elders has been working on pastoral compensation and budget items.

**Board of Evangelism, Fellowship, and Mission:** Church has decorated tree displayed on town square. Esther Buethe commented that the Salvation Army bell ringing was a very positive experience and she encouraged future participation in this volunteer community activity.

There was discussion regarding the Evangelism/PACK budget and its intended purpose/use (local community and beyond). The discussion included support/adopting of a specific missionary. The Board then reviewed the thank-offering support project document from Mission Central during the meeting and proposed adoption of the Meyer Family. A motion to adopt this missionary family in Macau was made and seconded. Motion carried. A potential pledge amount is to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Board of Stewardship:** No report.

**Board of Trustees:** None present.

Thanks to Dave Borrenpohl for helping construct the Nativity scene in the Biblical garden. Pastor is awaiting a response from the electrician in regard to the parsonage. The lighting issue with the church exterior/rooftop cross is being addressed.

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

**Beautification Committee:** No report.

**Memorial Committee:**

**Preschool Committee:** The preschool will be losing a student in early 2014. A two-day a week student is increasing attendance to five days a week. Following the Preschool's Christmas Program, preschool families without a church home were sent a letter of thanks along with an invitation to join again in worship with our congregation.

**Youth Committee:** Youth Group has agreed to meet on the third Sunday of each month. Twelve youth were in attendance at the last event. A lock-in and also a skiing trip are being discussed. Pastor will have the junior high students share their experience from the fall youth gathering with the congregation.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** The proposed 2014 budget was reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion made and seconded to approve the 2014 budget as presented. Motion carried.

A ballot was presented for the annual election of church officers/board members. There were not any nominations made from the floor. Motion made and seconded to accept the ballot as presented. Motion carried. Election results, as detailed below, were announced following voting and the ballots were shredded.

- Vice President – Leroy Buethe
- Board of Education – Janelle Moran
- Board of Elders – Steve Bartels and Del Lierman
- Board of Evangelism, Fellowship, & Mission – Jennifer Bartels
- Board of Stewardship – LuAnn Carmine and Patti Holthus
- Board of Trustees – Justin Beethe

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cheryl Bartels, Secretary