

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: Rolin moved that Dale and Harlan look into buying a new microphone for the pastor position. Aimee seconded it. Motion carried.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Changed furnace filter at the parsonage. Reported that two ridge caps blew off the steeple. Rolin moved that Dale and Harlan call Steve Debner about the heat in the narthex. Marc seconded it. Motion carried.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: Rhonda updated the council on the recent call committee meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dale moved to approve the ballot and agenda for the annual meeting. Robert seconded it. Motion carried.
- It was reported that Jason Edeker going on a mission trip to Haiti through GoServ Global from Monday, Jan. 23 — Wednesday, Feb. 1.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Robert Vieker
P Kyle Roose
P Rolin Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
A Doug Schueler
A Missy Debner
P Jennifer Seehusen

ANNUAL MEETING

January 22, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

The annual congregational meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County was held on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017. Kurt Roose, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:20 p.m., with 43 people in attendance. Kurt Roose led the group in devotions, song, and prayer.

Ron Salge moved and Jim Wubbena seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried. The minutes of the 2016 annual meeting were read and approved. The treasurer report was read and approved. Chairman Kurt Roose presented the 2017 ballot; Ken DeBower moved and Barb Wagner to cease nominations. Motion carried. Carol Seehusen moved and Diane Salge seconded it to approve the ballot as presented and elect the nominees unanimously. Motion carried.

The newly elected members are:

- Deacons: Kyle Roose and Doug Schueler
- Trustee: Dale Janssen
- Secretary: Rhonda Edeker
- Parish Ed: Monica Edeker
- Worship & Fellowship: Jane Thompson
- Mission & Outreach: Jordan Eberline
- Synod: Ken & Margaret DeBower
- Cemetery: Todd Brinkman
- Bartels Home Delegate: Sandy Roose
- Youth Synod Assembly: Trevor Brinkman

REPORTS

Reports from various organizations were reviewed. Kenny Debner reported the date for Brotherhood Pancake supper will be Friday, April 21.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kurt Roose presented the 2017 proposed budget. Ron Salge moved and Kenny Debner seconded it to approve the budget. Motion carried.
- A report for the parsonage repairs was presented by Barb Wagner (*see insert in herald*). Bill Debner made a motion to make the necessary repairs at the parsonage. Motion died for lack of second. Jim Wubbena moved and Aimee Deuell seconded it that the repair committee prioritize the improvements and come to the council with estimates. Motion carried.
- After a lengthy discussion about Vilmar and the ELCA, Ron Salge moved and Jennifer Seehusen seconded it that Vilmar go into a period, not to exceed three months, of informal discernment to do a self study on the future of Vilmar in the ELCA. A vote was taken by ballot. The motion carried with 30 ayes, over 12 nays.
- Jennifer Seehusen moved and Robert Dralle seconded it for the call committee to gather information to present to the congregation within the three-month timeframe. Motion carried.
- Rolin Eberline moved and Dale Janssen seconded it to destroy the ballots.

CLOSING

Bill Debner moved and Pam Roose seconded it to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Following the annual meeting, a short council meeting was held. Kurt Roose and Jane Thompson were nominated for the Chairman position. A ballot vote was taken and Kurt Roose was elected council president. The installation of council members will be Sunday, Jan. 29. There will be a potluck council dinner following fellowship on Sunday, Jan. 29. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda Edeker

PARSONAGE REPAIR ASSESSMENT

A committee of Barb Brinkman, Ron & Diane Salge, Jeff & Carol Seehusen, and Dean & Barb Wagner met one Sunday after church and did a walk-through of the parsonage. The following is their assessment of repairs that the parsonage needs:

South Entryway

- Needs updating. Walls are panelled and flooring needs to be replaced. Was used for laundry room, but would be nice to see this updated to provide a more welcoming entrance for visitors, as having guests walk by laundry is not the most welcoming.

East Entryway

- Needs general painting and new flooring.

Kitchen

- The floor looks good, shows little wear. The countertop and backsplash were replaced in the last few years. Cupboards are dated, but in good condition.

Living Room/Dining Room

- Carpet was new prior to Pastor Mark coming. It looks good and doesn't show stains or signs of wear, but needs to be cleaned.
- Needs window coverings.
- Needs new overhead light, as the current one is very dated and out of style.

Bedroom/Study

- Carpet is good.
- Need window coverings/blinds.

Downstairs Bathroom

- Flooring is good.
- Needs new updated fixtures.
- The committee discussed the possibility of closing off a closet door in the study and taking out a wall in the downstairs bathroom, to then provide enough area for a washer/dryer or a shower.

Upstairs

- Carpets need to be torn out, to expose and access the condition of the hardwood floors underneath.
- Bathroom needs to be redone. Wall surface is very outdated and shower/tub area is in need or being replaced, as well as the vanity. The committee was told the shower exhaust needs to be larger, as it could not keep up with the moisture in the bathroom.

Other Concerns

- Basement steps are not in good shape and are a hazard.
- There are electrical issues of which the committee is concerned about.
- The outside of the house needs to be powerwashed.
- The committee suggests that the walls in the home be sprayed. Currently they are old plaster and spraying would give them a fresh, modern look. If this can't be done, the entire home needs to be painted, regardless.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, February 9, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: Kurt tried to call Pastor Brackkett at the Synod twice.
- Deacons: We are still having issues with the recording part of the sound system.
- Parish Ed.: There will be a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Four new programmable thermostats have been put in throughout the church. The Trustees have set them and they would appreciate it if no one changes them. They are looking into getting a new microphone for the Pastor. They put a new sump pump under the elevator. A tile froze causing water in the sewing room, which they took care of. The heat in the narthex has been fixed temporarily.
- Worship: Vilmar is in charge of the worship service on Sunday, February 12 at Valley View Care Center in Greene. We are on a six-week rotation for this. Sunday, April 2 is our next turn, if any one would be willing to help, contact Jane.
- Call Committee: Rhonda updated the council about the new questionnaire and the recent discussion groups.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dale moved and Aimee seconded it to drop the Rockwell phone and internet service on May 1, 2017, and to add the internet service through our existing Dumont phone contract, to save money. Motion carried.
- Doug moved and Jennifer seconded it to replace the heat in the narthex with 4 cove heaters and programmable thermostats through Neil Wedeking at an estimated cost of \$2,300. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- We are looking into getting a bid to repair the stained glass windows.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
P Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Tuesday, March 5, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: Recording computer system has been repaired.
- Parish Ed.: Good Friday day camp will be Friday, April 14.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: Got a new microphone for the pastor and replaced more light bulbs.
- Worship: Vilmar has the worship service on Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m., at Valley View in Greene. Easter Sunrise service will be at 7 a.m., followed by breakfast. The regular service will be at 9 a.m.
- Call Committee: Rhonda told the council that the committee would be meeting with representatives from the ELCA, LCMC, and the NALC.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Wubbena gave a report on completed water testing. All is good.
- Clean-up day will be April 8 at 9 a.m. The rain date will be April 15.
- Jennifer Seehusen moved and Dale Janssen seconded it to call a special congregational meeting to discuss information shared at the April 2 informational meeting of the congregation and vote on moving forward to stay or leave the ELCA on April 30, 2017, immediately following the church service. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
A Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
P Kyle Roose
A Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- **Chairman:** None.
- **Deacons:** None.
- **Parish Ed.:** Good Friday Day Camp is Friday, April 14 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Stewardship & Finance:** None.
- **Mission & Outreach:** Working with Jason Edeker to line up Haiti presentations with local churches.
- **Trustees:** The church and the narthex needs to be power washed. The narthex roof and the steeple need to be fixed. The heat in the narthex is being installed. Window World came and did warranty work on the windows in the lower lever of the educational unit.
- **Worship:** None.
- **Call Committee:** Rhonda told the group that the call committee is on hold until the congregational meeting on Sunday, April 30.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trustees are continuing to work on getting estimates for the repairs of the stain glass windows.

NEW BUSINESS

- Looking into a deep clean of the church with the janitor.
- Aimee moved and Monica seconded it to approve the ballot for the vote for the congregational meeting on April 30. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

A Kurt Roose (President)
P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL MEETING

April 30, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

A short council meeting was held prior to the congregational meeting to approve the agenda for the meeting. Marc moved and Monica seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

April 30, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

The congregational meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County was held on Sunday, April 30, 2017. Kurt Roose, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 11 a.m., with 64 people in attendance. Kurt Roose led the group in devotions and prayer.

DISCUSSION & VOTE

Terri Andrews moved and Dale Janssen seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried. After a short time of discussion, a ballot vote was taken to either stay in the ELCA or leave the ELCA. The results were as follows: 13 votes (20 percent) to stay in the ELCA and 50 votes (80 percent) to leave the ELCA. A second congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, July 30 where another vote to stay or leave the ELCA will occur.

CLOSING

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, May 11, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: Completed 11 home visits with 6 communions.
- Parish Ed.: Good Friday Day Camp had 23 kids. Last day of Sunday School is Sunday, May 21.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Jason Edeker is presenting at St. James and the Congregational Church, both in Allison, on Sunday, May 14 at 9 and 10 a.m.
- Trustees: Put new bulbs in the candelabra. Narthex heat still in progress. Dust control has been taken care of.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Received one bid for repairs on stained glass windows. Waiting on a second bid.
- Rockwell phone and internet service has been disconnected. Dumont Telephone is now our only phone and internet provider.

NEW BUSINESS

- Two delegates will be attending the upcoming Synod Assembly.
- A letter was drafted to Bishop Ullestad to inform him of where we are in our voting process.
- We received two bids for the upstairs educational windows. Doug moved and Marc seconded it to have Window World install the windows. Motion carried. *(This is the company that installed the lower educational windows)*

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
A Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
A Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, May 21, 2017

SUMMARY

A short meeting was held after church on Sunday, May 21. Doug moved and Harlan seconded it to offer the parsonage to Josh and Renae Johnson to live in while they wait for their house to be repaired after losing the roof in the recent storms. Motion carried. Then the council discussed notification we recieved from the Synod about voting guidelines for staying or leaving the ELCA. Marc moved and Kyle seconded it to hand deliver an official letter to the Bishop's office in Waverly. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda Edeker

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
A Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

A Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
A Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, June 8, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: Meeting with Bishop Ullestad, Pastor Brackett, Vilmar Council and Call Committee has been arranged.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: Little Lutheran summer events – July 22, Lock-In and August 4, Wilder Camp Out.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Jason Edeker presented his Haiti trips to the New Hope Methodist Church in Aredale and Dumont on Sunday, June 11.
- Trustees: Harlan fixed the urinal; narthex heat is completed; air conditioners are programmed – please don't touch the programming.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Waiting for the second bid for the stained glass windows.
- Trustees will be setting up a time to wash the siding on the parsonage.
- We are waiting for installation for the Educational Unit's upper windows by Window World.
- Dennis Prange has offered to mow the church and parsonage lawns. Thank you.
- Josh and Renae Johnson and family will be moving into the parsonage while they wait for repairs on their house.
- A janitor evaluation and walk through will be lined up with Karson.

NEW BUSINESS

- None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, July 13, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Looking into an online Bible study. Talked to Tammy Fleshner about a defibrillator, CPR, and first aid trainings. Looking into sponsoring a child in Haiti through GoServ Global.
- Trustees: Light bulb over pulpit has been changed. Cleaned gutters and down-spouts. Flushed drainage tiles. Going to powerwash the church parsonage.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dale moved and Harlan seconded to accept the resignation from Karson Roose as the janitor. Motion carried.
- Dale moved and Harlan seconded to approved Aimee Deuell as the new janitor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed the upcoming vote.
- Continuing to look into cement work.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

A Kurt Roose (President)
A Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
A Doug Schueler
A Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, July 27, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Helen opened the meeting with devotions.

SUMMARY

- A joint meeting was held on Thursday, July 27 with the call committee and the church council. Council approved the agenda for the July 30 congregational meeting. Council approved the voting procedures for the congregational meeting as well. Meeting adjourned.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)

P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)

P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)

P Harlan Martzahn

Additional Call Committe Members: Ron Salge & Helen Debner

P Dale Janssen

P Jane Thompson

P Kyle Roose

A Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen

A Doug Schueler

A Monica Edeker

P Jennifer Seehusen

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda Edeker

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

July 30, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

The congregational meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County was held on Sunday, July 30, 2017. Kurt Roose, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 11 a.m., with 61 people in attendance. Kurt Roose led the group in devotions and prayer.

DISCUSSION & VOTE

Jim Wubbena moved and Missy Debner seconded it to approve the agenda, as read by Chairman Kurt Roose. Motion carried. After a short time of discussion, a ballot vote was taken to either stay in the ELCA or leave the ELCA. There were 59 ballots cast. The results were as follows: 9 votes (15.25 percent) to stay in the ELCA, 49 votes (83.05 percent) to leave the ELCA, and 1 blank ballot (1.69 percent).

CLOSING

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, August 10, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Kurt opened the meeting with devotions.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: Discussed a letter to the congregation. Aimee moved and Harlan seconded it to approve the letter, with corrections. Motion carried. In communication with the Bishop.
- Deacons: Performed four home visits and two communications.
- Parish Ed.: Wilder Camp Out was a success with four kids. Sunday School starts the Sunday after Labor Day, on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 8:45 a.m.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Talking about ideas for mission money.
- Trustees: None.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: Had a meeting to discuss and set up presentations and pastors for the new couple months.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussed NALC/LCMC vote.
- Discussed putting together a constitution committee after the NALC/LCMC vote.
- Discussed Confirmation instructor options.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

A Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, September 14, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — No report available.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: Sunday School and Little Lutherans has now begun. Marc moved and Kyle seconded it to approve Diane Hummel to teach Confirmation. Motion carried unanimously.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Discussed Feed My Starving Children project. Mission Sunday will be Sunday, Oct. 8. We will have a potluck and followed by a presentation from the missionaries.
- Trustees: Cleaned the gutters; pulled cucumber vines out of the trees out back; straightened signs out front; will be caulking and painting around storms for the stained glass windows; washed the siding on the church. The parish ed. unit windows are being installed on Tuesday, Sept. 19. A replacement sign was donated and installed.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: Started on church profile.

OLD BUSINESS

- The sidewalk to the cemetery will be poured this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hurricane relief was discussed and Thrivent will have matching funds for the donations collected. Dale moved and Jennifer seconded it to place a special offering box in the narthex for hurricane relief donations. Motion carried unanimously.
- Doug moved and Marc seconded it that on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017, immediately following worship, we will have a discussion session with questions and answers with the call committee present to answer any questions to the best of their ability concerning the LCMC and the NALC. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jennifer moved and Rhonda seconded it that on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, immediately following worship, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a congregational vote to join either the LCMC or the NALC. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, October 12, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Robert Dralle presented the idea of a Gideon Giving Tree.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: Kurt is looking into giving Temple Talks.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Trustees: None.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Education unit windows have been installed and look great.
- We are going to try to get the sidewalk to the cemetery done yet this fall.

NEW BUSINESS

- Doug moved and Dale seconded it to put Gideon cards on our Christmas Giving Tree. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussed landscaping to improve drainage on the west side of the church.
- The trustees are going to explore the sound system in the church.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
A Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
A Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
A Kyle Roose
A Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: Completed five visits and two communions.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Looking into selecting a local family for the Christmas Giving Tree.
- Trustees: Harlan will take care of parking lot and driveway snow removal at the church this winter. Paper towel dispenser in the bathrooms have been repaired. Working on regulating the heat throughout the church.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Visitor booklets and postcards are being worked on.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dale moved and Aimee seconded it to accept the agenda and ballot for the Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 congregational meeting and vote. Motion carried unanimously.
- Brainstormed a constitution committee.
- Syd Brinkman will be helping our church secretary while she has health concerns.
- Beginning discussions of adding a contemporary service to our schedule.
- Looking into update the sound system to help with feedback issues.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
P Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
P Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen

COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2017

A quick council meeting was called Sunday, Nov. 12 prior to the congregational meeting. Jennifer moved and Aimee seconded it to continue with our stance to not accept absentee ballots before to the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

November 12, 2017

OPENING

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DISCUSSION & VOTE

Ron Salge moved and Tammy Fleshner seconded it to approve the agenda, as read by Chairman Kurt Roose. Motion carried unanimously. After a short time of discussion, a ballot vote was taken to either join the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) or the NALC (North American Lutheran Church). There were 58 ballots cast. The results were as follows: 44 votes to join the NALC; 13 votes to join the LCMC; and 1 blank ballot.

CLOSING

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL MEETING

November 12, 2017

A quick council meeting was held immediately following the vote on Sunday, Nov. 12 to discuss moving forward and joining the NALC. Chairman Kurt Roose will draft and send all necessary correspondents to start the process.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Kurt opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: We received our acceptance letter from the NALC.
- Deacons: Working on a new sound system.
- Parish Ed.: Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Dale moved and Jordan seconded it to split the loose money from the Christmas Tree Giving as follows: 50% to the adopted family, 25% to the soldiers, and 25% to the Gideons. Motion carried unanimously.
- Trustees: Repaired ceiling heat throughout the educational unit; fixed the coat racks in the narthex; replaced six thermostats in the educational unit; fixed the piano lights; worked with Rick Wangsness and Wright Sound for the new sound system and got the speakers working in the basement; hung quilts in back to help with echo; working on a door closer for the educational unit; calling Mort's Plumbing to snake the toilet in the basement; replaced the light switch cover in the balcony; replaced and cleaned furnace filters and replacing dehumidifier in the educational unit hallway.
- Worship: Discussed church cancellation for inclement weather. It was decided that church cancellation will be advertised on Facebook, KWWL, KIMT, and KLMJ.
- Call Committee: Had a phone conversation with Pastor David Wendell from the NALC and he will be helping the call committee through the call process.

OLD BUSINESS

- Working on finding a constitution committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- We are trying out a new sound system.
- Members of the New Life Congregation will be transferring their membership to Vilmar in January.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

P Kurt Roose (President)
A Aimee Deuell (Treasurer)
P Rhonda Edeker (Secretary)
P Harlan Martzahn

P Dale Janssen
P Jane Thompson
P Kyle Roose
P Jordan Eberline

P Marc Seehusen
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Jennifer Seehusen