

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, January 18, 2018

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 seven home visits with four communions. New sound system is working well.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Rhonda gave an accounting of the giving tree donations.
- Trustees: Mort's snaked the toilet in the basement. Trustees bought a new vacuum for the church.
- Worship: New Life members will transfer their membership to Vilmar on Sunday, Jan. 21.
- Call Committee: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Harlan moved, Kyle seconded it to approve Dale Janssen, Jeff Seehusen, Ron Salge, Jason Edeker, Tammy Fleshner, and Pam Roose as the new constitution committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Rhonda moved, Aimee seconded it for Mission and Outreach to pursue a Feed My Starving Children event. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dale moved, Aimee seconded to approve the 2018 ballot. Motion carried unanimously.
- Rhonda moved, Jennifer seconded to approve a \$200/year raise for the church secretary. Motion carried unanimously.
- Doug moved, Kyle seconded it to approve the 2018 budget. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dale moved, Jennifer seconded to contact Pastor David Schafer to discuss compensation for an interim, part-time pastor position. Motion carried unanimously.
- Dale moved, Harlan seconded to table a discussion about banners for the sanctuary. Motion carried unanimously.
- Mission and Outreach will take over the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast for 2018.
- Began discussion on parsonage repairs.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 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

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018

SUMMARY

A short council meeting was held on Sunday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 a.m. Rhonda moved and Aimee seconded for the council to purchase a snowblower for Vilmar to be used to clear the sidewalks at the church and parsonage. Motion carried. Jennifer moved and Harlan seconded to purchase the new sound system for Vilmar. Motion carried. Rhonda moved and Jane seconded to pay Evan Steere \$50 per time to clear snow off of the church and parsonage sidewalks. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Monday, Jan. 22, 2018

SUMMARY

A council meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss job description and compensation for a part-time interim pastor. A phone interview was conducted with Pastor David Schafer to discuss the position. Following the interview, council decided to wait until after hearing Pastor Schafer preach on Sunday, Jan. 28 to decide if we are going to offer the position to him. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2018

SUMMARY

A short council meeting was held after church. Doug moved, Kyle seconded it to offer a pro tem calling of Pastor David Schafer to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church – Vilmar. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Rhonda Edeker

ANNUAL MEETING

January 28, 2018

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. 28, 2018, with 40 people in attendance. Kurt Roose, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m. Kurt Roose led the group in devotions, song, and prayer. A presentation of gifts for 50 years of service was held for Florence Vieker. An announcement of offering the pro tem position to Pastor David Schafer was made. Pastor David Schafer gave a few words of acceptance.

Terri Andrews moved, Ken DeBower seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried. The minutes of the 2017 annual meeting were read and approved. The treasurer report was read and approved. Chairman Kurt Roose presented the 2018 ballot. Rhonda Edeker nominated Jane Thompson for the NALC Conference Delegate to fill the ballot. Ken DeBower moved, Kyle Roose seconded it to cease nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Ron Salge moved, Tammy Fleshner seconded it to approve the ballot as amended and elect the nominees unanimously. Motion carried.

The newly elected members are:

- Deacons: Josh Johnson & Wayne Dralle
- Trustee: Harlan Martzahn
- Treasurer: Aimee Deuell
- Stewardship & Finance: Kurt Roose
- Cemetery: Ron Taylor
- Bartels Home Delegate: Sandy Roose
- NALC Conference Delegate: Jane Thompson

REPORTS

Reports from various organizations were reviewed. Kenny Debner reported the date for Brotherhood Pancake supper will be Friday, April 6.

OLD BUSINESS

- The congregation reviewed parsonage repair list.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jim Wubbena moved, Kenny Debner seconded it to approve the 2018 budget as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
- Jim Wubbena gave a water report.

CLOSING

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Following the annual meeting, a short council meeting was held. Rhonda moved, Dale seconded it to nominate Kurt Roose as the council chairman. Motion carried unanimously. The installation of council members will be Sunday, Feb. 11, with a council dinner following fellowship at Pete & Shorty's in Clarks-ville. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,
Rhonda Edeker

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018

SUMMARY

For lack of a quorum, a meeting could not be held for the month of February.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

Respectively Submitted,

Rhonda Edeker

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, March 8, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved as amended.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved as amended. Rhonda moved, Aimee seconded it end the Sound System fund. Motion carried.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: Rhonda moved, Aimee seconded it to use money from the Youth Camp Fund to help cover the cost of summer Bible camp for three girls. Motion carried unanimously. After Easter, Pastor Schafer will begin conducting the Sunday School class for the confirmation students on Sunday mornings.
- Stewardship & Finance: Discussed Vilmar's protocol for creating new funds.
- Mission & Outreach: The Easter Sunrise Breakfast will be handled by Mission and Outreach as a kick-off fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children. Two more gift cards were sent to our adopted Christmas family in both February and March.
- Trustees: The trustees went on a mouse hunt in the church and the parsonage. They are working on adjusting the heat; replaced two chair mats and an office chair; fixed garage door; fixed dishwasher; fixed the fan motor in the refrigerator; installed a handrail at the top of the basement steps in the parsonage; fixed the toilet in the basement; and called Ross out to replace a new motor for the exhaust blower in a furnace at the church.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: One phone interview was conducted, and after talking with him, both sides agreed that the job wasn't what either was looking for. Another phone interview will be conducted within the next month with the next applicant.
- Pastor Schafer gave a report on what he did for the month.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parsonage repairs - no report has been brought to council.
- Balcony curtain was discussed, but no action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- Prayer chain assignments were distributed.
- Rhonda moved, Harlan seconded it to wire the parsonage up for internet as soon as the weather permits, through Dumont Telephone. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7 p.m.

CLOSING

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, April 12, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Dean and Barb Wagner and Carol Seehusen presented a bid for remodelling the parsonage bathrooms.
- 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: Rhonda moved, Monica seconded it to create a fund for Feed My Starving Children. Motion carried unanimously.
- Trustees: Fixed the basement toilet; changed the light in the pulpit; put new batteries in the paper towel holders; realigned the vents in the church; installed a dehumidifier in the lower hall of the ed. unit; put in a high rise toilet and grab bar in the women's bathroom of the ed. unit; and put an LED light fixture in the parsonage kitchen.
- Worship: None.
- Call Committee: We will be conducting an interview with a interested pastor next week.
- Pastor Report: 22 home visits; 8 private communions; starting confirmation classes on Sunday mornings; starting a weekly Bible study on April 19, to be held each Thursday.

OLD BUSINESS

- Doug moved, Dale seconded it to get another bid on parsonage remodelling. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Outdoor spring clean-up will be Saturday, April 21, with a rain date of April 28 at 8 a.m.
- Need to install a railing in the parsonage down to the basement.
- Jane will be looking into an NALC supplier for worship supplies.
- Discussion was had about changes in the worship service.
- Discussion of NALC mission money was tabled.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 10, 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 Pastor Schafer

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

A Wayne Dralle
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, May 10, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Rhonda opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary's report — Reports from Rhonda for March and April were read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report was unavailable.

REPORTS

- Chairman: Rhonda moved, Harlan seconded to accept Randy Wiebke's membership transfer request. Motion carried unanimously.
- Deacons: Working on the sound system and the flashdrive.
- Parish Ed.: Sunday School will end Sunday, May 20. Confirmation and Little Lutherans will end Wednesday, May 30.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Work continues on Feed My Starving Children.
- Trustees: Put a grab bar in the mens bathroom; put a rail down to the basement in the parsonage; bought and installed CO detectors; and will be placing restroom signs all over the church.
- Worship: The Voigts reunion is June 10. Sunday of Hope in support of Butler County Relay For Life will be Sunday, June 17.
- Call Committee: Met Monday for a second interview with a pastor.
- Pastor: Did 20 visits with 9 communions. Looking into starting new membership classes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Waiting on a second bid for parsonage repairs.
- Trustees are looking into digging a trench for a line for internet at the parsonage.
- Talked about working on getting water to flow away from the church.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mission and Outreach is looking into NALC Mission support.
- Discussion was held about confirmation communion instruction.
- Discussion was held about involving confirmation students during the church services.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 14, 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 Pastor Schafer

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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, May 20, 2018

SUMMARY

The meeting opened with prayer. The call committee presented the council with their recommendation to call Pastor Chris Martin as a full-time pastor for Vilmar. Discussion was held about Pastor Martin. Dale moved and Monica seconded it to call a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 17 to move forward with the recommendation of the call committee to call Pastor Chris Martin. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding getting a second bid for the parsonage repairs. Meeting adjourned 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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

ADDITIONAL CALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

P Helen Debner

A Jennifer Seehusen

P Ron Salge

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, June 14, 2018

SUMMARY

For lack of a quorum, a meeting could not be held for the month of June.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Sunday, June 17, 2018

SUMMARY

A short council meeting was held before church on Sunday, June 17. Rhonda opened the meeting with a prayer. Wayne moved and Kyle seconded to accept the agenda for the June 17 congregational meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Rhonda moved and Harlan seconded it for Josh to order two new microphone boxes. Motion carried unanimously. Pastor reported 18 home visits, 9 private communions, and preformed one funeral – Ron Dann. The next council meeting will be held on Sunday, July 1 at 7:30 a.m. 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 Pastor Schafer

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

P Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Josh Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 17, 2018

SUMMARY

The congregational meeting of the St. John's Lutheran Church of Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County was held on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Kurt Roose, Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 11 a.m., with 56 people in attendance. Rhonda Edeker led the group in devotions and prayer.

Ron Salge moved and Tammy Fleshner seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Jordan Eberline conducted a short informational/question and answer session, along with the Call Committee about Pastor Chris Martin and family. Kurt Roose presented the compensation package that Pastor Martin is requesting. Ken DeBower moved and Kyle Roose seconded it to approve the compensation package as presented. A ballot vote was taken on whether or not to call Pastor Chris Martin to Vilmar. The results were as follows: 54 votes (98.2 percent) to call Pastor Martin and 1 vote (1.8 percent) not to call Pastor Martin. Vote passed.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

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: Working on the microphone.
- Parish Ed.: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: We are waiting to hear from the Butler County Fair Board if we can use their grounds for the Feed My Starving Children event.
- Trustees: They installed restroom signs around the church, fixed the sign out front, reset the thermostats, and rolled the lawn four times
- Worship: Farewell service at Wilder Park for Pastor Schafer will be Sunday, July 29 at 9 a.m., with a potluck to follow. A welcoming potluck will be held following worship on Sunday, Aug. 5 for Pastor Martin and family.
- Pastor: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- Josh moved, Dale seconded it to get one debit card for Harlan Martzahn to use for the church, with a \$1,000 limit. A ballot vote was taken; ayes: 3; nays: 5. Motion was lost.
- Dale moved and Aimee seconded it to use available unspecified memorial fund with remaining balance coming from general fund, which will then be reimbursed from the memorial fund when unspecified memorial CD matures to pay for the repairs and renovation of the parsonage. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jordan moved and Aimee seconded for the constitution committee to meet with Pastor Martin to review and discuss new constitution and then present to council at future meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion was held about a big indoor clean for some time in the near future.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018 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 Pastor Chris Martin

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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
P Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

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

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Deacons: None.
- Parish Ed.: Parish Ed. meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for volunteers for Sunday School and music director. Confirmation and Little Lutherans will start Wednesday, Sept. 5 and Sunday School will begin Sunday, Sept. 9.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: Vilmar's Feed My Starving Children will be held at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Allison. Plans are well underway, thanks to Jennifer Seehusen.
- Trustees: Conduit has been put in place for wiring the parsonage for internet. The light in the basement is being repaired.
- Worship: Forgiven Quartet will perform on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help at the Wilder Park service. Rhonda moved and Dale seconded it to approve Lindsay Martin to be a substitute voting delegate at the NALC Convocation for Vilmar. Motion carried unanimously.
- Pastor Martin: Thanks to all those who helped the family get moved into the parsonage.

OLD BUSINESS

- Parsonage repairs are underway.
- Church cleaning will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 beginning at 8 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council discussed and edited the new Vilmar Constitution that the Constitution Committee presented. After a lengthy discussion about the change to the secretary and treasurer bylaws, Dale moved and Harlan seconded it approve the constitution with the change of 8.02, C. "and" to "or." The vote was as follows: 3 ayes; 3 nays; 2 abstained; tie-breaker - aye. Motion carried.
- Dale is looking into an LP contract for the church.
- We are looking into options for leaking Parish Ed. roof.
- Harlan moved, Dale seconded it to start a Parsonage Repair Fund. Motion carried unanimously.
- Pastor Martin's installation will be held Sunday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m., with a reception of light refreshments to follow.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018, 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 Pastor Martin

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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

Respectively Submitted,
Rhonda Edeker

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Pastor Martin opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
- Jim Wubbena gave a report on the water testing at the church and parsonage. He will be passing the books back to council for the water testing responsibilities.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: The mission team is working on our Feed My Starving Children event.
- Worship & Fellowship: The Forgiven Quartet was great and the Lind Family Quartet was wonderful.
- Deacons: None.
- Trustees: The trustees fixed the light in the basement; signed an LP contract; are going to have the fire extinguishers checked at the church; had a consultation with Dan Peterson about water drainage; are going to be writing up a petition for a stop sign at the corner of 160th Street and Keystone Avenue; are going to be getting the safe fixed in Pastor's office; and had the small roof by the back door caulked.
- Parish Ed.: On Sunday, Sept. 16, the Sunday School teachers will be installed, we will be handing out Bibles to the kids who haven't received one yet, and the kids singing in church. Sunday school, confirmation, and Little Lutherans youth group are all underway and going good.
- Pastor Martin: Pastor did four visits and performed one committal service for a friend from Vinje. He was installed on Sunday Aug. 26. He also gave a report on the NALC Convocation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Dale moved, Kyle seconded to accept the recommendation of the NALC General Secretary, Mark Chavez, to add paragraph 2.08, "This congregation honors and accepts The Common Confession (2005), attached in an appendix hereto, as a summary of teachings otherwise affirmed in the Lutheran Confessions." to St. John's proposed constitution. Motioned carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rhonda moved, Monica seconded for the responsibility of the water testing be transferred to the trustees. Ayes, 7; Nays, 2; Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 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 Pastor Martin

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

A Wayne Dralle
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, October 11, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

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

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Worship & Fellowship: None.
- Deacons: Will be calling Jeff Kolb to look at the microphone system.
- Trustees: The fire extinguishers have been inspected. Waiting for a bid for roof and other repairs on the two outbuildings at the parsonage. Looking into having the septic pumped at the church and parsonage. Still having lots of water in the ed. unit basement—looking into drainage options.
- Parish Ed.: Kids sing on Sunday, Oct. 21. No Little Lutherans or Confirmation on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Confirmation contract have been drafted; a meeting will be called with the parents and students to discuss the rules and expectations and to sign them.
- Pastor Martin: Had six visits and attended the Mission District Convocation. He is now serving a three-year term on the Iowa Mission District Executive Council.

OLD BUSINESS

- Pastor Martin will be writing up the petition writing for a stop sign at the corner of 160th Street and Keystone Avenue.
- Doug moved, Kyle seconded have a special congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 9 immediately following church to vote on Vilmar's approved and amended proposed constitution and bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.
- A report was given of the final total (\$18,808.28) with a cost breakdown of the parsonage repairs and updates.

NEW BUSINESS

- The purchasing of the kitchen supplies will be handed over to the Worship & Fellowship committee.
- Pastor Martin will be contacting Pastor James Puotyual, the newest Global Worker for the NALC, about visiting Vilmar. Pastor James and his wife, Nyandit, will leave in January 2019, to serve as missionaries to South Sudanese refugees living in Gambella, Ethiopia.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 8, 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
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A Dale Janssen
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P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

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

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: None.
- Worship & Fellowship: On Dec. 9, Vilmar is responsible for the Allison Care Center's worship service at 1:30 p.m., and Valley View in Greene at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 16. The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21 with Little Lutherans and Confirmation students serving fellowship afterwards.
- Deacons: Still working on the microphone syncing problems.
- Trustees: Called Ross Plumbing and Heating to fix the basement furnace that was not working; investigated the tile outlet; the elevator failed the state inspection, so working to bring it up to code.
- Parish Ed.: Sunday School kids will sing on Sunday, Nov. 18; held a worship service training for the confirmation students; Pastor had a meeting with the confirmation students/parents to sing contracts.
- Pastor Martin: completed 8 home visits and 5 baptisms; attended a Mission District Council meeting on Saturday, Oct. 20; met with Pastors James and Jordan on Wednesday, Nov. 7 to discuss Pastor James' work in Ethiopia.

OLD BUSINESS

- The stop sign petition has 57 signatures. It will be taken to the Supervisor's meeting on Nov. 13.
- Harlan moved, Jane seconded it to have Cody Matteson replace the two roofs on the outbuildings at the parsonage and put in a swinging door on the larger building. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dale moved and Rhonda seconded it to no longer give our special offerings to ELCA-supported World Hunger. Funds to be designated at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13, 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 Pastor Martin

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

A Wayne Dralle
A Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

COUNCIL CAPSULE

Thursday, December 13, 2018

SUMMARY

OPENING

- Pastor Martin opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.
- Diane Hummel presented a check for \$12,128.29 from New Life to Vilmar, with \$2,000 earmarked for four \$500 North Butler Scholarships, which will be chosen by Vilmar's council; the remaining \$10,128.29 will be put into the mission fund.
- Secretary's report — Report from Rhonda was read and approved.
- Treasurer's report — Report from Aimee was read and approved.

REPORTS

- Chairman: None.
- Stewardship & Finance: None.
- Mission & Outreach: We received \$811 from the Thanksgiving Eve Service and a \$200 donation from Iowa State Bank. Rhonda moved, Aimee seconded that one-half of the \$1,011 total be given to North Butler Christmas Lunch Program, one-fourth to Butler County Visions of Well Being, and one-fourth to the Gideons. Motion carried unanimously. Also looking into Mission Investment funds.
- Worship & Fellowship: Christmas carolling will be Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. Suggestions were made to have Sam Sneed and Tom Teeple to give presentations at Vilmar.
- Deacons: Still working on the microphone syncing issues.
- Trustees: Stop signs and stop ahead signs have been placed; installed a new rope on the funeral bell and oiled it; the elevator was brought up to code and passed the Schumacher Elevator Co. and State elevator inspections; fixed the sump pump under the elevator; the roofs and a swinging door have been replaced on the two out buildings at the parsonage; fixed the hot water heater in the educational unit; looking into EcoLabs; Robert Janssen did maintenance the snow blower.
- Parish Ed.: Christmas Program practice will be Sundays, Dec. 16 and 23 during Sunday School. The confirmation students and Little Lutherans made fruit baskets for the carolers to take to the shut-ins.
- Pastor Martin: Performed one funeral and six home visits; will have the Dec. 16 service at Valley View in Greene, and a wedding ceremony on Dec. 22 for Earl Hardisty and Terri Andrews. He is looking into Facebook live streaming for worship services. He has been sharing mid-week Advent services through Facebook. Pastor Martin will be serving on the NALC Mission Office's Renewal Team. His responsibility will be providing resources for Rural and Small Town ministries in the NALC.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- Rhonda moved, Kyle seconded it to have Evan Steere take care of snow removal up to \$50 per cleaning. Motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2019, 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 Pastor Martin

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

A Wayne Dralle
P Doug Schueler
P Monica Edeker
A Josh Johnson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

SUMMARY

The congregational meeting of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Vilmar, Greene, Iowa, in Butler County was held on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. Chairman Kurt Roos called the meeting to order at approximately 11 a.m. Pastor Martin led the group in devotions. Dale Janssen moved and Ron Salge seconded it to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. The floor was opened for a time for questions. There were no questions. A ballot vote was taken on whether or not to adopt Vilmar's proposed constitution and bylaws. The results were as follows: 44 ayes and 3 nays to adopt Vilmar's proposed constitution and bylaws. Vote passed. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.