

Voters' Meeting Minutes**A. Meeting Call to Order.**Time: 10:16 am

<u>P</u>	Roll Call	Present (P)	Absent (A)	Excused (E)
<u>P</u>	Pastor Sullivan			
<u>P</u>	Dan Fager		President	
<u>P</u>	Scott Karnitz		Secretary	
<u>P</u>	Glenn Brunner		Elders	
<u>P</u>	Brian Dax		Youth Christian Education	
<u>P</u>	Greg Hlinak		Property	
<u>P</u>	Jason Belter		Evangelism	
<u>P</u>	Jack Novak		Treasurer	

B. Opening Devotion/Prayer.

- Pastor opened with a prayer.

C. Reading of Previous Minutes / Agenda Review.

- MM and 2nd to waive reading of previous minutes and approve agenda, motion carried.

D. Membership Changes.

1. Release: Ben Karnitz to the Roman Catholic Church on March 31, 2018.
 - MM and 2nd to approve membership changes, motion carried.

E. Reports**1. Pastor/Elders**

Mission: Reach out in love to our inactive members and work to provide for the physical needs and the spiritual enrichment of all our members and called workers.

Elders

Glenn Brunner
Scott Kieckbusch
Jeff Christian

Pastor's Report

- Membership Changes
 - Release: Benjamin Karnitz
- Confirmation
 - Lily Greaves
 - 8th – Sabrina Ferron, Ben Dorner, Toni Bortolini, Aidan Gretz
 - 7th – Cal Ihlenfeldt, Makayla Stauber
 - 6th – Destiny Gauthier, Jake Ihlenfeldt, Wyatt Richard, Braxton Riha, Miryssa Vandertie
 - 5th – Lauren Dorner, Addison Gretz
- Bible Classes
 - Sunday morning: topic - Anti-Christ, follow-on TBD
 - Sunday afternoon BIC: Jamie Amelio, Matt Bothe, Brandon Clark, Traci Grosklass, Jodi Hanson, Kelli Ihlenfeldt, Ashley Stefany, Denise Kirmsse, Richard Kreuger, Brent Reimer.
 - Sunday after church BIC: Jodi Hanson
 - Tuesday morning: topic - Large Catechism

- Shut-ins
 - Myrtle Chaudoir, Carl Kuehl, Ethel Bothe, Joyce Kalcheck, Alvina Bargmann, Shirley Urbanek, Wayne Wodsedalek, Edward Jergenson, Roland Jergenson, Orville Kudick, Marie Mach
 - Nursing Home: Wenzel Hrabik, Gail Bellin
 - Laverne Koehler (Manitowoc)
- Miscellaneous
 - Roger Ihlenfeldt Wedding: May 5
- Schedules
 - Pastor Kratz
 - May 10 (Ascension); July 1-2 (Youth Rally); July 15-16 (Vacation); August 19-20, 26-27 (Vacation)
 - May 14: Confirmation Examination
 - May 20: Confirmation
 - June 12-13: District Convention
 - June 26-29: International Youth Rally
 - July 13-15: Vacation
 - August 6-12: VBS
 - August 14-28: Vacation

Elder's Report

1. MINISTRY

- CWCC: NTR
- Counseling: NTR
- Bible Study: We are trying to find ways of encouraging Bible Study.
- Planned Giving: We are trying to encourage members to pay attention to the Planned Giving Table hoping to encourage contributions to items on the table. We are interested in ideas that might encourage this.
- Alms Program: January – World Missions: \$103.00 / February – Multi-language Publications: \$147.00 / March – Youth and Family Ministry: \$80.00
- A Saturday church service is under consideration. A final decision will not be made until adequate input from the congregation is reached.

2. WORSHIP

- We are seeking ways to enhance our services, such as using the Lord's Prayer and Apostle's Creed set to music.
- We are pleased that Pastor Kratz has accepted our call. This allows us to do additional work in ministries Pastor did not previously have time for.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- We have started our second year of our four-year program. This program consists of:
 - i. Continuing to send monthly devotionals to all inactive members,
 - ii. Continuing to send out monthly outreach letters,
 - iii. Sending a quarterly encouragement letter (new for this year),
 - iv. Sending a second encouragement letter to out of area members who have not yet requested a transfer to a church local to where they live,
 - v. Sending a visitation request letter (new for this year).

- We are researching policy for dropping from church active rolls those adults (18 years and older) who are not confirmed and inactive and children living out of area with out of area inactive adults.
 - Glenn commented Elders are currently looking at 3 individuals who fall into this category.

Recommendations for Church Council/ Voters

1. Provide financial support of ladies desiring to attend the LWMS National Conference. This was approved by the CC.
2. Set policy to drop from church active rolls inactive non-confirmed adults (18 and older) and children living out of area with out of area inactive adults.
3. Consider Saturday church service in lieu of Monday night service.

G. Other Business / Information

1. Next Elder's Meeting: May 10
2. Glenn commented on his suggestion to CC.
 - Doesn't seem to be a standard on how committees are documented.
 - Several committees are not listed in the Committees section of the Bylaws.
 - This item will be added to Unfinished Business on the May CC meeting for further discussion.

Glenn Brunner
Board of Elders

3. Youth Christian Education

Much of this quarter's activity focused on discussion and planning for the upcoming WELS International Youth Rally that will take place June 26-29 at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Our congregation will be sending five youth and three adults to the Rally. Attending will be Andrew Richard, Tanor Bortolini, McCoy Walechka, Dylan Belter and Bradley Vandermause. The three adults attending will be Pastor Sullivan, Mark Dax and Brenda Vandermause. The cost for all eight attendees (except for any outside excursions) will be covered with profits from the SCRIP program. We look forward to hearing about their experiences at this year's Youth Rally.

Board Members include Brian Dax, David Chaudoir, Chris Richard and Keith Schmeling.

Respectfully, Brian D. Dax, Chairman

- Brian added YCE would be starting plans for the VBS program at their next meeting.

4. Property

Goal: To keep Immanuel property in good repair and keep the membership informed of our plans and progress.

Slogan: Hard working

Motto: Progress

Date: 29 April 2018

Time: 10:15 am

Bible passage: The men in charge of the work were diligent, and the work progressed under them. They built the temple of GOD according to its original design and reinforced it. (2 Chronicles 24 13)

Members: Fred Steffen, Steve Ihlenfeldt, Bucky Ihlenfeldt, Jason Karnopp, Paul Nimmer, Pastor Michael Sullivan, and Greg Hlinak (Chair).

Project Goals for 2018:

- Parsonage flooring
- Secretary office window replacement
- Electronic Access system
- Door exit bar replacement at the Family Life Center
- Heater unit for the "Bat Cave"

Voters News:

* The secretary's office window replacement project has been completed this spring season by Gretz Carpentry. The cost came within budget and all suspected rotten wood claims within the walls were unfounded.

* The nightly illuminated cross at the top of the bell tower will need new neon bulbs installed.

* Water use will again need to be forgiven by the water utility as an outdoor faucet was found to be turned on while shoveling snow during the snowstorm a couple weeks ago. It is sure the hands of a mischievous person are involved here as the faucets have to turn on manually. To prevent further activity, the outdoor faucets have been turned off on the inside of the building.

* Concern has been brought forward to take quick action on the front double doors locking mechanism at the front of the church.

*Prices are still being investigated to the access control system.

*Flooring replacement of the parsonage is still being looked at.

*A metal door of the Family Life Center is reported as warped allowing excessive air infiltration.

*A required bleacher safety inspection of the family Life Center has been completed as a list of needed repairs, which are minor, has been submitted.

*A visual inspection of the church building shows evidence of needed painting required to the under eaves and trim.

*A required fire extinguisher update and inspection has been completed.

*The ruts in the lawn need to be filled in and that is planned by M&E Landscaping.

*The newly published list of the planned giving table has been recognized.

*Our plumber has plans in the works to take care of the hot water heater for fellowship hall.

*May 2 is the Youth Government Day and is held at fellowship hall.

*Hopefully we can start shutting the furnaces down as we have gone about six weeks past normal in the full heat mode which will put stress on our heating budget.

Closing

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory J. Hlinak

You're hard working property board

04/29/2018

- A voter questioned who would be cutting lawn this summer.
 - Greg questioned and received a “yes” answer from Wayne Kittel.
- Dan extended a thank you to Greg for his snow removal efforts on April 15th as the 9 am service was still held despite the snow storm.

5. Evangelism

- Easter cards:
 - We had printed 2600 cards this Easter for the 54216-zip code. We know of one visitor who contacted Pastor after receiving a card. She passed away shortly after Easter.
- Radio Broadcast:
 - Was sponsored by the Ihlenfeldt family this year and was on the stations of Door County.
 - A voter question was answered that this broadcast was on 5 different stations.
- Church Brochures:
 - Dick Stuebs is going to continue to distribute around the city. His Uncle Carl Pelnar will drive him around to the country sites.
- Visitor Cards:
 - We have got 250 new visitor cards printed off. As we get notification that someone that signed our friendship register, we have been sending them out with a custom message of thanking them for worshipping with us.
- Website Update:
 - We have made contact with a WELS member Ian Welch that works on websites. We noticed that ours could use a facelift. Ian has been working with Wayne with the current templet we use and has been reporting back.
- New items we are working on:
 - Cookbook:

The legends of Lutheran Potluck. This would be a combination of member’s inputs, along with their favorite Bible passages.

 - This item was also presented and discussed at the Congregational Meeting on April 22nd.
 - Jill indicated she ordered a kit.
 - It was mentioned that a cookbook had been done at Immanuel in the past.
 - Considering using a 3-ring binder so items could be added to it.

- Shredding Event:
 - Lou will be working with Thrivent to see how this program works. What we know is that they can have a shredding truck onsite and we can open it to the community to drop off your documents that need to be destroyed.
 - Lou mentioned fellowship cards could be sent to any non-members who come to the event.
 - Lou asked if a Thrivent member could assist him with obtaining information off the web site
 - Dan indicated he would work with Lou on this.
 - Lou fielded a question that there would be no cost to bring a truck in.
- Fellowship Committee:
 - Still discussing dates of bike ride, upcoming parade(s) (Shanty Days, Independence Day, Christmas), Sunday afternoon at a Timber Rattlers game in June. Possible WELS night. Purchase a small trailer.

Board of Evangelism,

Jason Belter, Lou Richard, and Dick Stuebs

6. Committee Reports

- Mari Fager reported that the bus to Fireside Theatre on May 31 was still not full.
 - She indicated she would be making calls as the bus needed to be full.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Jack reviewed report.
 - A question Lou had regarding the end goal of the Student Aid account was addressed.
 - As held by Synod and does include interest.
 - MM and 2nd to approve all reports, motion carried.

F. Unfinished Business

(These items were previously presented and discussed at the Congregational Meeting on April 22nd.)

1. Early Childhood Ministry – approve title change of fund.
 - Dan addressed the “Exploration Committee” handout and indicated information packets were taken and that there are still some available in the Narthex.
 - Next step would be to call a meeting.
 - Some discussion entailed with regards to the name change on the fund.
 - Dan indicated that if money is not used for Early Childhood that it be used toward some type of ministry.
 - Glenn added that the original thought is that the money would go to Capital Improvement.
 - Jack added that he already made this title change in his report.
 - MM and 2nd to change Early Childhood fund to Mistry Fund, motion carried.
2. Saturday vs. Monday service.
 - Much discussion/comments.
 - Is a decisive issue, need to make a quick decision?
 - Not ideal to keep switching dates and times.
 - Need to give it some time, not rush it, give it some thought.
 - Need to consider concerns on both sides, bring to July Voters meeting.

- Interviews need to be done on people who may attend.
 - Monday service works out well for people who are out of town on weekend.
 - Approx. 10 people are unable to make either Sunday or Monday services due to work schedules.
 - Those individuals could attend St. Paul's Saturday service.
 - May not be preferable to them
 - Could try holding services Saturday and Monday for a short time to see which is more favorable.
3. Church Picnic – Aug. 12th – At Immanuel or Bruemmer Park?
- Much discussion/comments.
 - Shanty Days going on.
 - Easier and more efficient to hold at church.
 - VBS week, children would sing.
 - MM and 2nd to hold Church picnic at Immanuel on Aug. 12th, motion carried.
 - Still time to determine if want to have inside or outside.
 - If held outside, need to consider installing permanent outlets outside Family Life Center, as previously suggested at the April 22nd Congregational Meeting.
 - Comment: This item could be added to Planned Giving List

G. New Business/Recommendations of Church Council

1. Pastor mentioned an individual who offered his services if we need someone to drive school children to Algoma, should the congregation decide to purchase some sort of bus/van.
 - The “bus” endorsement on his license is expiring next month, so he was wondering if he should extend it.
 - Voters suggested that he renew and discussed re-imburement.
 - Re-imburement not preferable, as he would be considered a new hire and would involve putting him on the payroll.
 - The purchase of a van or bus was also brought up and discussed at the April 22nd Congregational Meeting.
 - Expecting 8 students would need transportation next school year.
 - Could be used for school and other events.
 - Is on Planned Giving list, could be put on higher priority.
 - Would St. Paul's consider going in on halves?
 - Legal concerns need to be researched prior to purchasing, vehicle may need to be yellow with appropriate signage and flashing lights.

H. Information

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| 1. May 10 | – Ascension Service |
| 2. May 14 | – Examination |
| 3. May 15 th | – Next CC Meeting at 6:30 p.m. |
| 4. May 20 | – Confirmation |
| 5. June 12 & 13 | – District Convention |
| 6. June 21-24 | – 55th Annual LWMS Convention |
| 7. June 26-29 | – International Youth Rally |
| 8. August 6-12 | – Vacation Bible School |
| 9. August 12 | – Church Picnic (pending April Voter approval) |
| 10. July 29 | – Next Voters' Meeting at 10:15 a.m. |

****The next newsletter inputs are due end of June****

I. Elections/Ratifications of Appointments.

- None

J. Adjournment. Time: 11:07 am

- MM and 2nd to adjourn, Pastor Sullivan closed with prayer.