

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Voter's Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2011

Call to order

President Don Darsow called the May 1, 2011 Voter's Meeting of the Redeemer Lutheran Church LCMS to order at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Opening Prayer / Devotion

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Todd.

Attendance

Thirty five voting members were in attendance. See the attached sign in sheets.

Order of Business

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2011 Voter's Meeting as written was seconded and approved.

Nominating Committee / Elections

Candidates for the various offices were presented by the nominating committee. See the attached sheet. A move to nominate Rochelle Ward for chair of the Youth Ministry Board was seconded and approved. A motion to accept nominees as presented with the addition of Rochelle Ward as chair of the Youth Ministry Board was seconded and approved.

The resignation of Rochelle Ward as Chair of the Fellowship Board was accepted.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reviewed the budget. There is a positive balance of \$2,534 at the present time. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was seconded and approved.

Pastor: The newsletter will be distributed following the Voter's Meeting.

Pastor expressed his thanks to the outgoing board members and officers for their service. A special thanks was given to the Treasurer.

Pastor wishes to focus on God's hands and feet at work during the coming year.

A worship service has been scheduled for Ascension Day, June 2 at 7:00 PM.

Two LCMS congregations have been destroyed and several LCMS schools damaged from the tornados in the South. Redeemer will have an opportunity for congregation members to give an offering for tornado relief.

Attendance has declined. Some of this decline can be attributed to temporary increases in attendance while Bethlehem Lutheran Church was meeting at the school. Turmoil in other Lutheran congregations also caused a temporary increase.

Board Reports

Elders: Keith Lozano will attend the Summer Music Seminar, money is available.



Education: Becky is recovering from cancer surgery. Rochelle Ward is the chair of VBS which is scheduled for July on Thursday evenings. Volunteers are needed. Sunday School offerings continue to go to the Haitian mission. Over \$1,000 has been sent so far this fiscal year.

Evangelism: No report

Stewardship: Report by Dan Neibuhr. The Stewardship Project "To Grow a Pastor" was presented. Anything collected beyond money needed to fund Redeemer's expenses will be used to support the seminaries. This will be done in one of three ways:

In the form of a scholarship to a seminary student known to Redeemer.

In the form of a scholarship to a seminary student from the northwest district of the LCMS.

In the form of a scholarship to a seminary student from the LCMS membership at large.

Announcements will be contained in bulletins and The Rays to report the progress. A motion to implement this program will be presented under new business.

Youth: No report

Congregational Care: The Congregational Care Board will be contacting those who expressed an interest on the time and talent sheet.

Community Service: Thanks were expressed to _____

Fellowship: Thanks were expressed to those who participated in "Tables of 8"
The Fellowship Board is helping sponsor the Bronxville Choir concert on May 19.

Trustees: The church van is not operational and a volunteer is needed to assess what is necessary to get it running.

The Budget Committee delivered a presentation on use of the funds from the sale of the Kellenberger house. The Budget Committee recommends that the proceeds from the sale of the house be used to pay off the loan (which would otherwise not be paid off until July 2017 at the current pace). Payment of \$25,800 in interest would be avoided which then could be used for other purposes.

Old Business:

The President began Old Business by stating that there was a motion that had been tabled at the February 27 Voters Meeting. The President read the tabled motion from the February 27, 2011 Voter's meeting which directed use of the proceeds from the sale to apply toward the loan with the provision that an equal amount be committed over a set period of years, at \$23,000/year to the vicar ministerial training program. A motion to return this motion to the floor was seconded and failed by a vote of 7 yes, 13 no.

A motion was made and seconded to apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Kellenberger House to relieve the LCEF loan.

A motion to amend this motion to direct 10% of the net sale proceeds to the Joint Seminary Fund was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 15 yes, 12 no.

The amended motion is to direct ten percent of the net proceeds from the sale of the Kellenberger House to be given to the Joint Seminary Fund with the remainder to be



applied to paying off the LCEF loan. The amended motion passed by a vote of 24 yes, 3 no.

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded as follows: As part of the 2011 Stewardship Project, Redeemer Lutheran will donate all moneys collected for the general fund as counted on September 1 that are above and beyond the 2010 account to the seminaries in the following priority:

First, to a student known to Redeemer Lutheran Church

Second, to a seminary student from within the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Third, to a seminary student from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at large.

The motion was approved by a vote of 29 yes, 0 no.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned with the Lords Prayer at 2:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wallace Kelly
Secretary

