

**Voters' Assembly Minutes**  
**October 9, 2022**

Meeting called to order by President Tim Sergent at 1:30 pm

Devotion led by Pastor Bruner. "How Great Thou Art" sang.

MMSM to Approve Minutes as written from August Voter's meeting

New Voting Members

-Ken and Sandra Myers

Old Business

-Third Reading of Proposed Constitutional Changes. Discussion followed. MMSM to accept and enact Constitution changes as read.

New Business

-2023 Budget was reviewed by Gloria LaPointe

-Housing Allowances

MMSM to accept resolution as written-

Be it resolved that the dollar amounts noted adjacent to the names of those individuals listed below, be stipulated as housing allowance for the year 2022 in accordance with the regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. In the event of an audit, each of the listed individuals understands that the "Burden of Proof" is upon them to substantiate the amount. The housing allowance will be paid as indicated.

Barbara Riley	\$0	July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
Lisa Bach	\$7,500	August 16, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Board Reports

Education/Principal - Angi O'Neil

-2023-2024 school year will have 4% tuition increase

-7th/8th grade planning Washington DC trip

Elders - Steve Kern

-Transfers In - Stanley & Viola Shank from St John Lutheran, Ocala, FL

-Transfers Out - Valerie Petzold to St Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Marlene Brown to Peace, Saginaw

Tim & Audrey Brown to Trinity, Reese

MMSM to accept transfers in/out.

-June District Convention-Rev David Davis is new Michigan District President

-Discussion/resolution proposed related to Concordia Univ

-Reports available in narthex in print form or on St Paul Website

Evangelism - no report

Fellowship - no report

Finance - Gloria LaPointe

-reviewed financial reports

Salary & Personnel Committee - no report

Social Concerns - Patti Martinal

-Giving Tree coming soon, planning underway

Stewardship - no report

Trustees - Dwight Keinath

- Working on insurance claims for damage to school. Repairs are on track to be finished by winter.
- New dishwasher installed and in use in kitchen
- New phone system in place-working on full implementation
- New lawnmower is here, old one has been sold
- Heat is on

Associate Pastor - Pastor Martinal / Administrative Pastor - Pastor Bruner

-reviewed written report

Pastoral care

Arrangements for numerous baptisms in the coming weeks.

Visitation for Shutins - met goal for third quarter of at least 2 visits for 7, 1 came to church office and talked with a pastor, 2 others were not visited because they were unreachable.

Hospital visits and contacts: Karen Henderson, Lela Higgins, Janet Rohn, anonymous member.

Counseling sessions with some members

Met with a family that will be transferring to St. Paul – Millington.

Official business and duties

Met with Chamber of Commerce member about involving churches more at the Christmas in the Village event. We are working on bringing back a living nativity in addition to the nativity set that the MMA puts up each year. I have arranged for sheep and donkeys to be present. The Chamber might have a warming tent and a crafters tent. We are looking into have our students sing in the warming tent and potential activities that promote Jesus as the reason for the season. The MMA will have their free drawing for a children's playset nativity.

Attended Circuit Forum with Steve Kern to elect a pastoral and lay delegate to the Synodical Convention next year.

Attended the Best Practices Conference in Frankenmuth. It was free and provided several good sessions on a variety of topics.

Will be attending the All Pastors Conference Oct. 9-12.

Adult Instruction Class has a group of 10-12 attending. We hope to have an adult confirmation in October.

Faith on Fire (for Adults) during the Summer studied "Light and Darkness" in the Bible and our world. The attendance ranged from 9 to 28. We had a restart of Faith on Fire for all ages on 9/18/22 with ice cream treats. The adult class has had 28 in attendance for the past three weeks. Children classes vary in size from 1 to 7 for the different age groups. Thankfully, we have 6 people who are willing to rotate in providing child care for toddlers, while their parents and siblings grow in their faith.

Teaching religion classes for 5th and 6th grades and Confirmation for 7th and 8th grades. Public school Confirmation class has started with four 7th graders and one 8th grader.

Attending LEAP Board of Participant meetings. LEAP is investigating a marketing plan for all the area Lutheran schools. The Admissions Coordinator has been helping 6 schools but will be transitioning to duties that will help all the members.

Projects:

Attended an online briefing on the upcoming Proposal 3. It is a dangerous proposal that is not just about abortion rights. It will also allow for any person regardless of age to have full access to abortion as well as gender transitioning. This is intentionally worded so that parents would not have to be informed or know about their child being taught, accessing resources or undergoing any of these medical procedures. It would eliminate the current ban on using tax dollars to pay for abortions. Pass on the word to vote NO on Proposal 3.

Have been exploring various themes for the upcoming year(s).

PushPay research: Still interested in the cost savings for the church management system as well as the improved capability to communicate with members via phone and text.

Met with CEF and LCEF representatives to discuss endowment funds. Planning to have a small group gather more information and make a proposal if deemed beneficial.

Pastor Martinal is assisting with Athletic Director duties.

MMSB to adjourn meeting at 2:51 pm

Closed with Common Doxology