

**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**  
**Special Voters Meeting Minutes**  
**07.10.2022**

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Attendance: 66

Meeting was called to order by BOD Chairman Tom Ruff at 9:19 a.m. Pastor Tom Roma opened the meeting with prayer.

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Tom Ruff stated that no agenda was prepared as this special Voters Meeting entailed a singular topic.

Tom Ruff recapped the sanctuary improvement project as brought forward to the voters at the May 23, 2022, Voters Meeting.

Tom reminded the voters that at the January 24, 2022, Voters Meeting, approval was given allocating up to \$150,000 for expenditure toward balcony renovations. These funds were to come from the approximate \$350,00 previously earmarked to a designated account. The current balcony project is well underway, with completion anticipated by the start of school 2022.

The needed repairs to the sanctuary include addressing flooring issues, both hard floor and carpeting. Committee members met to consider various improvements:

1. Flooring – vinyl plank flooring, with the biggest expense removal/replacement of the pews. Estimate \$61,000
2. Front wall behind altar – beautify the area with a stonework surface. Estimate \$19,000
3. Painting - \$6,500

Total: \$86,000.

The Committee recommends adding additional contingency dollars for unexpected needs.

Tom Ruff took questions and/or comments from the floor:

Kevin Minard asked about timing of sanctuary work. Tom Ruff replied goal is to have completed by the start of the 2022 school year.

Darlene Whited asked for clarification on the type and color of the flooring; specifically, that selected planking be able to withstand wear such as scuffs/scratches. Darlene asked if an artist rendition was available. Tom Ruff stated that in the selection process the Committee has addressed wear to the flooring. No artist rendition was obtained.

Mike Schlipp pointed voters to the Child of God Lutheran Church (St. Peters, Mo.) website regarding the type of stonework design under consideration.

LeRoy Petersen asked for clarification regarding pew removal, i.e., included in the proposal or anticipated volunteer help required from Immanuel members. Tom Ruff stated pew removal/replacement is included in the bid.

Joel Mueller asked about potential interruption to church services, i.e., need to hold services in the gym. Tom Ruff stated the schedule is being worked on.

Erin Goris recommended that cleaning of pew cushions be considered as pews are already being removed/reinstalled.

Rod Kumm commented that it is amazing how well the facility has held up, especially considering the number of "feet," both large and small, it has accommodated over the 13 years of time since the building was first constructed.

Paul Edwards asked for clarification regarding financing, i.e., the church is covering the entire renovation project(s). Tom Ruff confirmed that facility needs are covered under the church budget. Rod Kumm brought attention to the previous capital campaign(s) to cover such needs.

Becky Hoskins made the motion that the BOD move forward with sanctuary improvements with an allocation up to \$100,000.

Kris Schuldt seconded the motion.

Discussion: Darlene Whited asked about the financial status of the current balcony project. Committee member Roger Huslage stated that on the \$150,000 original budget, the project is currently at \$112,000, with a few items yet to be addressed. The Committee anticipates coming in under budget.

Tom Ruff asked for a voice vote. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Dan Hoskins expressed appreciation to the members of the committees for their time and work.

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Additional Item: Roger Huslage brought to the attention of those in attendance the upcoming St. Louis Cardinal baseball game. Six tickets remain for purchase for the outing. See Roger for additional details.

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Kris Schuldt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vern Boehme seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.