

Emmanuel Lutheran Church—York, Nebraska
Voters' Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017

The Voters' Assembly of Emmanuel Lutheran Church convened Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by President David Sjuts with opening prayer by Pastor Ben Kaiser. Roll call was taken by signing in at the door; a quorum was not met so no business was undertaken.

Minutes from the January 30, 2017, regular Assembly meeting, the March 5, 2017, special Assembly meeting, and the April 12, 2017, special Assembly meeting were not available for review.

A request for members approved at previous meetings to join the Assembly was made to sign the Constitution with no new members present to sign.

No report of the Church Council was presented to the Assembly.

The Treasurer's Report was delivered by Rob Schardt with \$187,308.46 designated funds in the Designated Funds checking account, \$701,626.89 designated funds in a flex CD, and a balance of -\$30,419.89 in the Home Purpose (operations) checking account. An operating note has been accessed to meet operating expenses. Concern that a deficit in charitable giving is increasing so that operating expenses are not being met was shared and that the compared deficit is greater than that of 2016. Ideas for presenting this need to the congregation-at-large are welcome.

No report for the Board of Elders.

Kolby Mason presented the report of the Board of Trustees. Repairs were made for leaks around the south awning, chimney, and windows. The playground will be resurfaced in July with assistance being made by the Boy Scout troop for removal of the old surface. Termite treatment was made to the northwest corner of the church. The Trustees are continuing to study the possibility of remodeling the Church kitchen. Current project estimates are expected to range from \$80,000 - \$100,000.

The Board of Stewardship report was presented by Garold Leggott. The Board is concerned with the congregation falling behind budget. A monthly financial summary is now being exhibited to the congregation to present the budget deficit. The Board is requesting any project wish lists or sponsorships to be presented to Garold Leggott.

Mr. Leggott also reported on behalf of the Endowment Committee that they are requesting recommendations for scholarship recipients from the Board of Elders. Endowment funds may also be requested and used for missional opportunities.

The Board of Evangelism report was delivered by Greg Wagner. Following up the *101 ways to show mercy and love; simple ways to show God's love to our community* workshop, the Board spearheaded an outreach event to the neighborhood to change batteries in smoke detectors and to install new detectors in homes lacking sufficient detectors or homes with outdated detectors. Groups dispatched on two different days in March and April to reach out to the community. Mr. Wagner shared that there are more activities to reach out to the community to come.

Principal Justin Bangert presented the Principal's report and the report of the School Board. Mr. Bangert noted that there are just 18 days left of the school year. 158 students are enrolled at this point with two new students soon to arrive. The school is expected to be full for the 2017-18 school year. A call has been extended to Laura Smith to serve as the eighth grade teacher for Emmanuel-Faith. The Nebraska District and Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska, are currently completing all of the necessary checks to instate Mrs. Smith as being eligible to accept a call as a first-time teacher under her Lutheran teaching certificate. The

school will be using the FACTS system for tuition payment for the 2017-18 school year, a web-based payment tool. There will soon be an on-line method implemented for payment on school lunch accounts. Mr. Bangert also noted that he will be attending an accreditation workshop meeting.

Pastor Ben Kaiser presented his Pastor's report as well as the report of the Board of Youth. The Board of Youth hosted a lock-in on March 31st that was led by students from Concordia University. The night was filled with Bible study, devotions, food, and activities. ELY hosted its annual Easter breakfast Easter Sunday. It was noted that there is a need for more youth and fewer parents/adults to work at these fundraising events. The Senior class recognition and breakfast will be held Sunday, April 30th to recognize this year's high school graduates. An end of the year activity is being planned.

A call for New Business was made by President Sjuts. Doug Nienhueser presented a report on behalf of the remodeling committee regarding plans to renovate the sanctuary. Church Interiors (www.churchinteriors.com) has provided information and references about the services they provide. The company will provide project renderings for an estimated \$5,000 - \$7,000. Initial project estimates range from \$75,000 - \$100,000. The project estimates include repainting, new floor covering, reupholstery of the pews, and reconfiguration of the lighting fixtures to accommodate LED light sources.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by President Sjuts.

Pastor Ben Kaiser closed the meeting by leading the Assembly in the Lord's Prayer.

The next Voters' Assembly meeting will be held Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Bolte,
Voters' Assembly Secretary *pro tempore*