

**Regular Meeting of the Voters Assembly  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, York, Nebraska  
September 16, 2019**

Roll was taken by sign in.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Kant and opened with prayer by Pastor Kaiser.

The minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Gerold Leggott to approve the minutes as printed was seconded by Nancy Miller and carried.

Council Report (Kant): Requests for Endowment Funds have been received made by individual boards. The following have approval from the Council.

Motion by Richard Kant on behalf of the Council to approve the School Board's request for \$30,000 to be used \$20,000 for scholarships, \$5,000 for summer curriculum development and \$5,000 for staff training was seconded by Gerold Leggott and carried.

Motion by Richard Kant on behalf of the Council to approve the Elders' request for \$41,500 to be used \$40,000 for donation to Mission Central and \$1,500 to fund the Lutheran Hour broadcast on KAWL was seconded by Charlie Moore and carried.

Motion by Richard Kant on behalf of the Council to approve the Youth Board's request for \$500 to purchase Christmas gifts to share with a needy family from the community was seconded by Dave Sjuts and carried.

Motion by Richard Kant on behalf of the Council to approve the School Board's request for \$14,500 to provide end-of-year bonuses for teachers and staff, divided \$1,000 each to teachers, principal and pastors (Pastor Neidow has requested exclusion), \$500 each to part-time staff and \$250 each to paras was seconded by Larry Jacobson and carried.

Treasurer's Report (Leggott): Profit/loss reports and balance sheets were shared. After disbursement of endowment funds approved at this meeting there will be an approximate \$50,000 remaining eligible for disbursement in 2019. The year-to-date loss stands at \$27,756. Numbers appear better this year as a result of Stan Dinkelman's bequest and special giving receipts. Without those two amounts, figures would be similar to last year's at this time. Gaylen Thomsen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Kolby Mason seconded and the motion carried.

Elders (Moore): Membership changes recommended by the Elders since the May voters meeting are: member by profession of faith Brent Bredenkamp; transfers out Darren and Kelly Maronde and daughters Atlanta, Allee and Ansley and granddaughter Lily Maronde to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Imperial, NE; release of membership Quinn, Skyler and Serenity Scamehorn (children of Wade Scamehorn) to join the Church of Christ, York; members by adult confirmation Logan Faller, Haleigh Faller, Paul Skaggs and Cindy Nathan; and transfers in Michael James and Susan Lynch and daughter Charleigh from Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Elkhorn, NE, and Chelsey Driewer Demuth from Zion, Hampton. The Elders approved paying 50% of the camp fee for two students to attend Camp Luther this summer with funds to come from memorials. The board recommended that the 10% title from Stan Dinkelman's bequest be directed to the University Lutheran Chapel remodeling project for handicap access. AED batteries have been replaced. The Elders recommend requiring confirmation students to attend a voters meeting with their parents during their two years of training. In addition to their previous request from the Endowment Fund, the Elders also request \$40,000 be given to Mission Central and \$1,500 for the KAWL broadcast of the Lutheran Hour.

Principal's Report (Wellmann): At the present time 100% of families have a plan for payment of tuition. Twenty-three students from eleven families are receiving tuition aid. Some of the teachers attended behavioral training classes over the summer and by next summer all teachers will have this training. The Nebraska District Administration Conference will be held at the end of September and three of the teachers will attend the LEA conference in October in St Louis. The goal is to have the entire staff attend LEA in 3 years.

Trustees Report (Mason): Since the last voters meeting the renovation has been completed and came in \$10,000 below budget. Insurance companies have changed to reduce premiums. A leak in the Sunday School room will be repaired. Doug

Nienhueser has asked to be relieved of his trustee duties and Nate Steever will replace him on the board. The kitchen remodel is almost complete. Heating and cooling in the school is complete. The Trustees ask the congregation, boards and groups to not block doors open for meeting attendees. Make plans ahead of time for key fobs or post members at the entrance. Trustees are continuing to deal with parking lot issues in order to keep tax-exempt status. The organ repairman is coming next weekend.

Evangelism Report (Bolte): A table at the YPS back-to-school celebration in August was well received. The October event will be Trunk or Treat and in November there will be an evening concert with Kevin and Heidi Chang.

Youth Report (Kaiser): Volunteers are needed to help serve at the Tuesday Walking Tacos Ministry. The September monthly event was at Champions Fun Club in Lincoln. Confirmation classes began four weeks ago and ideas are being formulated for a service event each month.

Christian Nurture Report (Kaiser): A shift encouraging Wednesday night attendance for pre-K through adult Christian education has resulted in 60-80 students attending over the last four weeks and opened volunteer opportunities. Vacation Bible School had over 146 students registered. The VBS offering raised over \$3,000 sent to a missionary in Africa.

Pastors Report (Neidow): The Elders are reforming the choir and have asked Benjamin Woodburn to direct as well as serve as alternate organist. He will begin October 4. Next week will be Ina Luebbe's last week as alternate organist. She has served in that position since the early 1980s. Please thank her for her faithfulness in that service. Pastor's wife Patty has been diagnosed with a benign tumor in her ear and a treatment program has been prescribed that includes treatments M-F daily for five weeks. Pastor will be working from home during the week for this time. Please keep Patty in your prayers.

The next meeting will be November 18 and will include budget decisions and elections.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with Prayer by Pastor Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Ellis, Secretary