

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – York, Nebraska
Voters Assembly Meeting
January 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Roll was taken by sign in.

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Norquest and opened with prayer by Pastor Mike Neidow.

Paul and Addie Huebert, new voting members approved at the last regular meeting, signed the Voters' register.

Motion by Gaylen Thomsen, second by Charlie Moore, to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017 meeting as printed. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report (Rob Schardt): Printed financial reports were presented. In 2017 the tithe amount basis was adjusted from the budgeted to the actual income amount. 2017 year-end shows a \$118,000 shortage, almost identical to last year. The treasurer will address the congregation regarding the financial situation at a future date.

Motion by Garold Leggott, second by Arnie Otten to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Elders Report (Bill Bolte): Year-end report was read and is attached.

School Board Report (Penny Jacobsen): Ryan Koch has stepped down as president of the School Board. Stacie Turnbull and Penny Jacobsen will be co-presiding over the School Board this year. Koch's year-end report was read and is attached.

Trustees Report (Stan Gerken): Year-end report was read and is attached.

Stewardship Report (Arnie Otten): Year-end report was turned in and is attached.

Evangelism Report (Greg Wagner): Evangelism focus in 2018 will be engaging the congregation and the community. The committee will strategize ways to make Emmanuel approachable and ways for members to reach out, as per our mission statement.

Youth Board (Miranda Beck): The year-end report was read and is attached.

Endowment Fund (Garold Leggott): After interest/gains of \$64,867.50 and paying out approved project amounts, the balance of the Endowment Fund as of 12-31-2017 is \$1,178,406.52.

Principal's Report (Justin Bangert): Year-end report was read and is attached. Proceeds of the "Believe in our Future" fundraiser totaled \$36,868.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Mike Neidow): Pastor expressed thanks for sympathy and prayerful support on the death of his mother and shared a summary of weekly church activities. Upcoming Lenten series "Thy Will Be Done" begins February 14. He also thanked the church staff.

Unfinished Business: At the previous meeting, approval of the Little Blessings mission and philosophy statement, "Tell of God's grace through Christ, Teach quality academics and Involve families in learning and service," was tabled to allow presentation to the School Board. Motion by Rob Schardt, second by Dave Sjuts to approve the mission statement of Little Blessings Preschool. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

New Business: The Synod District Convention will be held in Kearney, June 15-16, 2018. Pastor Mike nominated Pastor Ben Kaiser as Emmanuel's voting pastoral delegate and Arnie Otten as Emmanuel's voting lay delegate to that convention. Motion by Pastor Mike, second by Gaylen Thomsen to elect those delegates. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion by Charlie Moore, second by Larry Kohtz to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Ellis, Secretary