

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – York, Nebraska

Voters' Assembly Meeting

April 18, 2016

Roll was taken by sign-in. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Arnie Otten, and opened with prayer by Pastor Ben.

The minutes of the January 18, 2016 Voters' meeting were reviewed. A correction was noted in paragraph one: delete the name of Greg Wagner as a new voter nominee. Gaylen Thomsen moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was seconded by Dan Stork and carried.

New voting member Miranda Beck signed the constitution. Dave Sjuts made a motion to accept the nomination of Jacqueline Bethune as a voting member. John Seim seconded the motion and it carried.

Dave Sjuts reported for the Church Council the resignation of Treasurer Jim Winchell effective April 30, 2016. Jim was thanked for his service. President Otten has gotten a verbal commitment from Rob Schardt to accept the position of Treasurer. Dave Sjuts made a motion to suspend the standing rules and accept Rob as a member of the Voters' Assembly immediately, enabling him to take office with no delay. The motion was seconded by Marlene Gardner and carried. It was also reported that the Council authorized the Trustees to sell four sets of stained glass windows left over from the remodel for best result.

Jim Winchell presented the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 4-16-2016 are as follows: Home Purpose - \$74,733.28; Designated Funds - \$688,450.86; Memorial - \$168,288.48; and Midwest CD - \$300,340.27. A line of credit secured by CD funds will be set up at Midwest Bank. New signature cards will need to be signed. Jim moved to accept the treasurer's report, Greg Wagner seconded and the motion carried.

For the Board of Elders, Leroy Ott reported the transfers in of Julianna Reetz Finke and son Mason from Messiah Lutheran, Lincoln; Kolby Finke from St. Peter's, Deshler; and the transfer out of Stephen John Wiemer to Trinity Lutheran, Rochester, MN. The Council has appointed John Ellis to fill the vacant elder position. The livestream of 10:30 services is now being viewed at the Hearthstone. Ten confirmands will be welcomed in to membership during the May 1 service. Gaylen Thomsen moved to accept the Elders' report. The motion was seconded by Garold Leggott and carried.

Ryan Koch, chairman of the School Board, reported that Justin and Amanda Bangert have accepted the respective positions of principal and second grade teacher.

Rick Steever reported for the Trustees that the Board has been receiving bids of asbestos abatement and demo on the annex, carpet for the school hall and repair/replacement of the school kitchen vent fan. New shelves have been installed in the counting room and a new copier has been ordered for the church office. Remodeling is scheduled for the upper floor school restrooms after school is dismissed for the summer.

Rich Hankel reported that the Board of Stewardship has requested a wish list of non-budgeted items from the other committees, for consideration of funding by donations.

Greg Wagner encouraged members to sign up for the witnessing workshop to be held on Saturday. A future program based on the book "Hinges" is being planned.

Pastor Ben reported for the Board of Youth that those youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July are presenting a "Taste of New Orleans," Sunday, May 22. After the gathering, those who donated toward the trip will be invited back to hear what their investment went toward. The Youth Board sponsored the Senior Recognition Breakfast. Bruce Wagner was thanked for providing space in the new Wagner's location for Wednesday meetings and youth activities.

Parish Nurse Deb Dahlke reported for the Health and Wellness Committee that parish nurses can now be certified faith community nurses. The synod's web site now has on-line videos for parish nurses and there is also a parish nurse facebook page. The district will have meetings for parish nurses. Deb will be attending the annual Parish Nurse Convention in May. New pamphlets and Abbey Press Care Notes are now available in the upstairs hallway. National Day of Prayer is in May. For servant events, ideas may be found on the LWML web site. The York County End of Life Coalition is presenting a program tomorrow night at the Senior Center.

John Seim presented a written Principal's report. (See attached.)

Pastor Ben reported that the next new member/refresher class will begin in August.

Garold Leggott made a motion to make Jim Winchell an honorary voting member. Gene Staehr seconded and the motion carried.

Arnie Otten asked all present to encourage church member friends to join the Voter's Assembly.

After a prayer by Pastor Mike, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Ellis, Secretary of the Voters' Assembly