

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – York, Nebraska

Voters Assembly Meeting

September 18, 2017

Roll was taken by sign in.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Dave Sjuts and opened with prayer by Pastor Ben Kaiser.

Minutes of previous regular and special meetings were presented. Arnie Otten made a motion to approve the January 30, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gaylen Thomsen and carried. Garold Leggott made a motion to approve the March 5, 2017 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gaylen Thomsen and carried. Gaylen Thomsen made a motion to approve the April 12, 2017 special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Arnie Otten and carried. Larry Jacobsen made a motion to approve the April 18, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gaylen Thomsen and carried.

In the absence of Rob Schardt, Barb Fehringer presented the treasurer's report and explained in detail. Each account is being reconciled to the penny. The operating note at the end of August totaled \$97,500. The report will be filed. The voters expressed thanks to Barb.

For the School Board, Ryan Koch reported that 152 students are enrolled in grades K-8. The 6-8 grades are utilizing a rotating classroom system. The school will be going through the accreditation process soon.

Kolby Mason reported for the Trustees. Mike Eikenhorst has been hired as new custodian. Window repair is proceeding; the new phone system is installed and working well; playground turf is installed and fences will be finished soon; and the south awning will also be completed soon. Kitchen updates continue, funded from the memorial funds of Orletha Snider.

Nate Beck for the Stewardship Board reported that the PayPal system is operational.

Diane Buss advised the group of current youth activities. Donations of money or time are encouraged for Tuesday taco lunches.

Deb Staehr reported for the Board of Christian Nurture that Sunday School resumed with 53 students plus their dedicated teachers.

The Endowment Committee received 34 requests for funds. After ranking and voting on these requests, the final list was presented to and approved by the church council. Garold Leggott offered the list and recommended in the form of a motion that the voters approve the Endowment donations. Kolby Mason seconded and the motion carried.

The Principal's report was given by Justin Bangert. In addition to the 152 students enrolled in K-8, there are approximately 50 pre-schoolers at Little Blessings. The annual school fundraiser will be held on November 17 with tickets for sale on October 22. There will be three student teachers at the school beginning in October.

Pastor Ben was appreciative of the care and concern present in the congregation. There will be a yard clean-up for a neighbor in need if someone would like to help. Trunk or Treat will be October 31st in the parking lot – donations of cash or candy and decorated car trunks are encouraged. He also explained an opportunity for youth wishing to attend the District Youth Gathering in Columbus.

Dave Sjuts presented the following nominees for officers of Nebraska District Region B: President – Richard Snow (Nebraska District LCMS), Vice President – Scott Porath (Immanuel, Eagle), York Circuit Visitor – Pastor Mike Neidow (Emmanuel, York) and Jon Dunbar (St. Paul, Utica). Gary Meradith made a motion to submit the list of nominees as presented. Larry Jacobsen seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2017 with election of officers and approval of budget.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzie Ellis, Secretary