

October 2017 Voters Meeting

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Barbee Knecht, Charles Knecht, Ed Stone, Dave Calvert, Sheila Floyd, Daryl Daum, Dennis Bloch, Judy Bloch, Richard Quandt, Cindy Quandt, Dave Schable, Kathy Schable, Tom Gesell, Dorothy Westin, Sharon Weber, Katie Andersen, Robert Billiar, Bev Towne, Kevin Diediker and Pastor Awe

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Charles Knecht made a motion to approve the September Minutes. 2nd by Tom Gesell. Passed.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Charles Knecht. Passed.

Richard Quandt made a motion to approve the September Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Pat Glover. Passed.

Tom Gesell made a motion to approve the September Individual Financial Reports. 2nd by Terry Koebernick. Passed.

Education: The Board of Education met on October 4th and again on October 10th to finalize decisions about the budget. Joyce Stone has decided to withdraw from the Board of Education. The Board voted that Katie Andersen will take on the role of Chairperson. A sixth member was discussed. Chairperson will ask and appoint a 6th member. Our budget for 2018 was discussed and completed. Job descriptions for the board of Ed, Sunday School Superintendent, and Youth Leaders were discussed. The Youth Leader job description will be looked at in detail at our November meeting.

Trustees: The insurance adjustor gave a quote of \$1,039 for hail damage on the church. With the \$1,000 deductible the Trustees didn't make a claim. The Library has been moved. Rooms were painted, and the new conference room will add a table and chairs.

Elders: The Board of Elders have met 4 times since the September Voters' Meeting, once on September 20th, 2017. There were 4 Elders present. An opening prayer by Pastor Awe. Elders went over the membership list again with Pastor. A lot of contact information is missing or inaccurate and Pastor is having trouble contacting members who have not been attending Worship services. The Elders are trying to fill in some of the missing information. The Elders could use the help of the congregation to help supply some of this missing information. The Wakefield infant will be baptized on Sunday the 24th or on Wednesday the 27th. On September 27th the Elders met again with 5 Elders present. Representing other Boards: Tom Gesell, Sharon Weber, Clarrene Leffler, Wayne Weston. Also attending: Pastor Awe, Pastor Witte and

Pastor Boring. Opening prayer by Pastor Awe. Pastor Boring led a discussion regarding Hope Lutheran's outreach to the mission field, especially into the Hispanic community. Building relationships with people is the 1st step in ministering to them. It takes time and effort to do this and ESL is an effective tool. We have partnership opportunities such as SLIMM, Iowa West and Nebraska Districts. Grant money is available to finance a Church Worker. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. On October 4th the Elders met with 4 Elders present. Opening prayer by Pastor Awe. Helping with Communion on Oct. 15th is Terry Koebernick and Daryl Daum, Nov. 1st is Dave Calvert, Nov. 5th is Terry Koebernick and Ed Stone, Nov. 19th is Erv Messerschmit and Richard Quant. Motion by Kevin Diediker and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to send \$250 to the Concordia Seminary. Passed. Pastor Awe will help cover the pulpit at Grace Lutheran, Wayne in June 2018 if needed. This will not conflict with services at Hope. Pastor Awe's vacation has moved to Nov. 8th-21st. Pastor Schmidt will cover communion service on the 19th and may also be available on the 12th. Dave Calvert and Ed Stone will lead Worship on October 18th while Pastor attends the Nebraska District Conference in Lincoln. Elders worked on the 2018 budget. Closed with Lord's Prayer. On October 15th the Elders met with 6 Elders present. The Elders met briefly to approve the 2018 Board of Elders Budget. Ended with prayer.

Stewardship: Thrivent-Sr. Center- had 4 members of Hope to help serve. They had a good turn out, and are well on their way to paying off the Sr. Center. Clara talked with Thrivent, who gave us \$250 to use towards this event. Clara placed an ad in the paper to increase attendance, and with the remainder of the money, gave to Sr. Center to pay for gas for the "Meals on wheels" program. They were very grateful. Went over the budget and turned in a copy to Bev for our Board. Talked about ideas of getting the congregation involved. The Stewardship Board will spearhead a "chore assistance", for completing things around the church (i.e. taking elderly members to their Dr. appointments, fixing things around the church, etc.) Will work with Bev on any requests for help and go from there. The needs around the church will be put in the bulletin asking for volunteers. Went over Treasurers' monthly report. Have questions on Vanco. Tom will check on some options. Marie Wakefield would like to join the Stewardship Board. We welcomed her as a great addition to our board. Next meeting will be Thur., Nov. 9th at 4:00 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Missions: The Mission Board will be meeting will be chaired by Clarrene Leffler. Secretary will be Sharon Weber. The Friendship Committee is concentrating on the Friendship Dinner on October 22, 2017 with the dinner being served from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. We have musical entertainment and we are also celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Blind Mission. There will be a free will offering. We could use any help on Sunday. It takes a whole church to do a large dinner. Any profits are going to Sara Kanoy. A Missionary to Africa.

President's Report: Thank you for coming.

Pastor's Report: The Mission trip to Africa has been cancelled for now due to turmoil in that area. Pastor will be doing a Mercy Medical Mission to Sierra Leone in May of 2018. The Holiday schedule has been set, but must be gone over with the Elders. On Thanksgiving Eve there will be service at 7 p.m. with Holy Communion. For Advent, the services will be 30 minutes or less. Pastor is needing help finding current phone numbers to members names. The numbers that are currently being used are found to be non-existent. Even if you think that he has your current number and address or Email address, please stop by and give it to him again. Your help is greatly appreciated. The Elders are going over their lists and finding out their lists are not accurate also. When we can get a good list of names and know whether people are still members of Hope, we should be able to put together another updated directory.

Old Business: The upgrade and repair of the interior doors and frames are still in the works. The storage shed is being upgraded to a 12x24. The sealed bids can still be sent to Hope Lutheran Church. The bids will close on October 31st. Darwyn said he had 2 possible bids on the old shed. Katie Andersen will put the ad for the shed on the web site and in the newspaper. On Thursday night at 5 p.m. the old shed will be moved. On October 19th and 20th, Thursday and Friday the ground will be formed out for the new concrete to be poured on Monday. May have to have a Building Permit. Galvanized poles have been donated to replace the worn wooden posts that hold the elderly parking signs. The Trustees will work on this.

New Business: Richard Quandt will be our Alternate Delegate for the District Convention. The convention will be held June 15th and 16th 2018 in Kearney, NE. The bricks around the church sign still need to be worked on. The heat tape for the roof valley and gutters need to be replaced. The bathroom partitions and floors need to be attended to. The partitions can be painted and the floors should be replaced with ceramic tiles. Color to be determined by the trustees. The Memorial Committee will be placed under the Stewardship Board and will give a monthly report about how the memorials are being used. The budget went under review and all boards were checked and adjusted. The revisions will be sent in to Bev to be corrected and to be made available for the November meeting to be voted on. The Wayne Circuit Forum will be asking the churches to donate to the Circuit to help the Winnebago Mission. A motion by Tom Gesell and 2nd by Robert Billiar to send \$200 to the Wayne Circuit Forum-Grace Lutheran, Wayne NE. Passed.

A motion by Dorothy Westin and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to Adjourn. Passed.

Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Sheila Floyd, Secretary