

January 2017 Voters Meeting

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Barbie Knecht, Chares Knecht, Ed Stone, Joyce Stone, Sheila Floyd, Daryl Daum, Dennis Bloch, Judy Bloch, Tom Gesell, Sharon Weber, Dave Hauf, Dave Calvert, Kathy Danielson, Bev Towne, Robert Billiar and Pastor Awe. One guest Sam Avery.

Opening Devotions by Pastor Awe.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the November Minutes. 2nd by Kathy Danielson. Passed.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the November Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Tom Gesell. Passed.

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

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the November Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Robert Billiar. Passed.

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the December Financial Secretary's report. 2nd by Kathy Danielson. Passed.

Individual Financial Reports were approved as follows: Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the November and December Ladies Aid and Extension Fund Reports. 2nd by Robert Billiar. Passed.

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the November and December Petty Cash Reports. 2nd by Laverne Koebernick. Passed.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the November and December Sunday School and Youth Reports. 2nd by Charles Knecht. Passed.

Robert Billiar made a motion to approve the November and December Scholarship Reports. 2nd by Dennis Bloch. Passed.

Christian Education: No Report.

Church Properties: In December the church Nativity was set up with the help of Robert Billiar, Terry Koebernick, Ed Stone, and Dennis Bloch. Roto Rooter cleaned the drains in the men's bathroom. Dave Davies fixed the dishwasher with a new gasket. Metro Electric checked the electricity for the music and the sound system was checked. On 12/20/2016, 2 new furnaces

were installed. After the Christmas season, the Nativity was taken down by Terry Koebernick, Ed Stone, Robert Billiar, and Dennis Bloch. On 1/12/2016 Dennis met with Sam Avery about a new copy machine. Mr. Avery plans to explain everything at the Voters Meeting.

Elders: The Elders met on January 4th with 6 Elders present. Opening prayer by Pastor Awe. Helping with Communion on January 15th will be Terry Koebernick and Kevin Diediker, February 1st Ed Stone, February 5th Dave Calvert and Richard Quandt, February 19th Terry Koebernick and Tom Gesell. There were 10 Elders visits and 30 visits by Pastor Awe. Discussed organists with Pastor Awe. His meetings with the organists have been beneficial in keeping an open line of communication and involving the organists in the hymn selection process. The Elders reviewed their job description and some changes need to be made. A final draft of the job description will be made at the next Elders meeting. The upcoming Lenten theme will be "Moving to the Cross". Pastor Awe gave an over-view of the Lenten series he has written and will follow the Advent format with 30-minute Worship services on Wednesday nights following Ash Wednesday (March 1st). Pastor Awe asked for feedback on Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The Elders reported nothing but positive reports from both the Board of Elders and the congregation in general. The musical addition of the Quempas Choir to the candlelight Christmas Eve service was especially well received and drew a lot of favorable comments for the congregation. Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Friendship: In December, we delivered 14 Christmas bags to shut-ins and nursing home people. We mailed 22 cards with magnetic bookmarks to our youth. At this time, we are planning Valentine bags. Ladies Aid will make cards and we will add candy. We are planning a menu for the Lenten supper and discussed recipes. We talked about our duties and responsibilities. We looked at our goals and compared them to the church items. We hope to have this finalized at the February meeting.

Stewardship: Our meeting was held on 1/09/17. We went through the Bylaws in regards to job description and will give to Pastor by March. Gary Theis will be here on February 5th. He will speak during worship service and Bible Class. Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Stewardship Board is serving scalloped potatoes and ham. Asking the members to either bring a salad or dessert. We will meet again in March

Young Peoples Work: No report.

President's Report: Thank you for coming. Keep up the good attendance.

Pastor's Report: Ash Wednesday will be on March 1st. The Lenten services will be "Moving Toward the Cross". After Ash Wednesday service the rest of the Lenten services will follow as the Advent services. Thirty minutes or less. There will be Litany cards that will be given out to every family, and I'm asking that everyone commit to 5 minutes a day to read the daily cards

and work accordingly. These cards will be given out with a letter of explanation. These cards will be a part of the Lenten Service. I am meeting with all Boards and working on the update of the Constitution.

Old Business: The light in the parking lot is done except for the changing of the light bulbs, which were not the right kind and the bills are now being paid by the insurance company. Phase III of the kitchen is now complete and painting is done. The contractor will be notified about one of the doors that have cracked. Right now, we are waiting for the return of 2 of the old cupboards that were mistakenly removed. These cupboards will be installed in another area of the church.

New Business: Sam Avery, from the company, Council, which bought out Office Elements was on hand to explain the lease of the church copier and its repairs. He explained that Council will honor the lease agreement and the warranty. A motion was made by Dennis Bloch to accept Council as the new provider for the church copiers. 2nd by Dave Calvert. Passed. A motion by Tom Gesell to remove from the Bylaws the Boards job descriptions. 2nd by Kathy Danielson. Passed. New shelving has been added to the storage room. A programmable thermostat has been added to regulate the heat in the Sunday school wing. The Trustees will need to contact the head ushers of the church and let them know that they will need to check all lights and that everything needs to be shut down at the end of the day. This will help to cut down on the use of electricity in the church. The thermostats will be set and locked covers will be put over the thermostats. It was noted that the interior church doors and frames need to be upgraded or repaired. The storage room door is in bad shape. There are holes in the doors and the frames will need to be repainted. Suggestions were given on how we might be able to fix the doors. It was noted that special doors that are by code could run over \$600 per door. A motion was made by Robert Billiar to have Mary Wolfe review the church books for audit. 2nd by Dennis Bloch. Passed. A motion by Robert Billiar to donate the \$899.35 that was made during the Advent suppers be donated to St. Pauls' School. 2nd by Dennis Bloch. Passed. Monies raised from Lenten suppers will be designated at a later date. The Memorial Committee will be tabled till next month.

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