

## **January 2018 Voters Meeting**

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

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gesell. Passed.

Tom Gesell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Koebernick. Passed.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the Financial Secretary's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Knecht. Passed.

Charles Knecht made a motion to approve the Individual Financial Reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Koebernick. Passed.

**Education:** The Board met on January 10<sup>th</sup> with the Pastor and discussed the Sunday School Christmas program and the upcoming 2018 VBS. We plan to meet again on January 17<sup>th</sup> to finalize more plans for VBS.

**Trustees:** The Trustees put up a piece of lattice on the railing in the choir loft as a safety precaution. The nativity and Christmas trees were taken down and put away. The motion lights in the hallways were fixed.

**Elders:** The Elders met on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> with 5 members present. They met with 4 members from the Mission Board. Pastor Awe and Pastor Witte were also present. The Boards held the joint meeting to prepare for presenting the mission vision to the voters. The Elders helping with Communion on January 7<sup>th</sup> is Ed Stone and Kevin Diediker, January 21<sup>st</sup> is Terry Koebernick and Richard Quandt, February 4<sup>th</sup> is Erv Messerschmidt and Ed Stone, February 7<sup>th</sup> is Dave Calvert and February 18<sup>th</sup> is Terry Koebernick and Richard Quandt. The Elders approved Pastor inviting Sheri Johnson for a presentation on mental illness and suicide during Bible study hour on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Awe asked for feedback on Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The Advent series and Christmas services were well received by the congregation. Pastor Awe will use vacation time for missions; Sierra Leone, Africa May 4<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and Poland in Late July and August. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Stewardship:** No report. Will be meeting in January. A question was brought up about doing a church service at the Gospel Mission. Another question was if this should follow under

Stewardship or Missions. The Boards will take this question to their next meetings and see what they can do.

**Missions:** The Mission Board met on January 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Elders to have a question and answer session on ESL. Elder Ed Stone will address the topic of the Hispanic Ministry at the Voters meeting. The Board still needs 2 more members. There are 18 church members signed up for "Everyone His Witness". This is a 6-week course on sharing your faith. The class starts January 21<sup>st</sup> after Bible Study. We'll be having discussions on fundraising events. We will visit with new members, take pictures, and visit about their family and interests. The next meeting will be January 18<sup>th</sup>. The friendship Committee met and discussed our goals and budget and how it relates to the Mission Board. We reviewed our Eldercare people and how they are doing in their homes and nursing facilities. We picked March 7<sup>th</sup> as our night for serving Lenten supper. Discussed Valentine's Day cards and gifts for youth, service and eldercare. We are waiting to hear from Lowell Beerman about his daughter Katie who is in the service and getting an address for her. We will not be serving Easter breakfast.

**President's Report:** Thank you for coming.

**Pastor's Report:** Lent will start on February 14<sup>th</sup> and Easter will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor will be doing a series that was purchased from CPH. He will be writing his sermons based on the title "Return From Exile", during the Lenten season and conclude on Easter. Sheri Johnson will be speaking at Bible study on January 28<sup>th</sup> and not on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:** Some items were tabled till next month because they are a work in progress. A motion by Tom Gesell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Laverne Koebernick to donate the Advent supper donations to the Medical Mission Project to Sierra Leone that Pastor Awe will be leading in May 2018. Passed.

**New Business:** Two new Christmas trees were purchased for the narthex and fellowship room. A motion by Laverne Koebernick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Koebernick to take the money from Thrivent Choice Dollars to pay for the trees. Passed. Serving the Lenten suppers are as follows. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Aid, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Board of Education, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Friendship Committee, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Men of Hope, March 21<sup>st</sup> – Congregation POT LUCK. After changes were made to the contract for Facility Usage, a motion was made by Terry Koebernick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Diediker to approve the usage agreement as corrected. Passed. This new agreement will go to the church secretary for print. District Nominations were brought to the voters. After going over the list of candidates, our choices were made. The ballots were signed and sent to the nominating committee. Ed Stone and Pastor Witte gave a presentation on the new Hispanic Outreach Ministry. The Hispanic Ministry will be headed up by Hope Lutheran Church, with the other 11 churches in the district being involved. The voters felt this presentation

should be brought to the congregation for further discussion. A motion by Pat Glover and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Quandt to have a Special Voters Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> after church when the congregation can hear what is being proposed and how things will come about. Passed. A motion by Terry Koebernick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Diediker to have Mary Wolf review the church's financial books, and to give Mary Wolf \$250 for her services. Passed.

A motion by Terry Koebernick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Knecht to Adjourn. Passed.

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