

## **February 2018 Voters Meeting**

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Tom Gesell, Vicki Gesell, Barbie Knecht, Charlie Knecht, Dennis Bloch, Judy Bloch, Bev Towne, Clarrene Leffler, Sharon Weber, Cindy Quandt, Richard Quandt, Robert Billiar, Dave Schable, Ed Stone, Sheila Floyd, and Daryl Daum.

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the January Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Quandt. Passed.

Terry Koebernick made a motion to approve the Special Voters Meeting report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Knecht. Passed.

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

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the January Financial Secretary's Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Stone. Passed.

Richard Quandt made a motion to approve the January Individual Summary of Accounts Report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Gesell. Passed.

**Christian Education:** Plans for VBS 2018, Splash Canyon, are moving along. Suzy Awe has agreed to act as the VBS Director. Save-the-dates will be sent out to area daycares soon, and feedback will be gathered to gauge interest, as well as where we might expand. Posters advertising will also be placed in area businesses. Volunteers are being gathered as well- anyone interested in helping with VBS should contact Suzy Awe. The next VBS meeting will be held after church on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. A new computer has been donated for use in the church library. It will require a system update so we are looking into upgrading to a new library cataloging system. The Board of Ed. will be serving supper on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Church Properties:** Snow removal has been taken care of as needed. The light switch in the church hallway has been replaced. Will check on the heat tape.

**Elders:** The Elders met on February 7<sup>th</sup> with 5 Elders present. Opening prayer by Pastor Awe. Helping with Communion on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> is Dave Calvert and Ed Stone, on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> is Terry Koebernick and Richard Quandt, on March 4<sup>th</sup> is Kevin Diediker and Richard Quandt, on March 18<sup>th</sup> is Dave Calvert, and March 29<sup>th</sup> is Dave Calvert and Ed Stone. A Motion by Kevin Diediker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Quandt to pay \$250 for Wayne Circuit dues for 2018. Motion passed. The

Elders will revisit updating the Secretary job description. Our policy of Closed Communion was discussed. With the Voters having approved proceeding with the Hispanic outreach, Elders discussed our role in that ministry. With the Hispanic Ministry being worked on, it was decided to forgo the Gospel Mission at this time. Lenten Worship services were discussed and maybe some special lighting. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Stewardship:** The Board worked with Pat on expenditure reports. A letter of the church's financial books from Mary Wolf was read. Everything was in perfect order. This report was given to the Stewardship Board.

**Missions:** The Mission Board noted that Dorothy Westin will be sitting in for Wayne Westin during his absence. This will also give her time to consider being on the board. There was discussion about getting a standardized form for the new members to fill out. This will include their names, family members, interests, hobbies, previous churches, and where they have lived. They will also be able to share impressions of Hope if they would care to. We will determine future missions with the help of Pastor Awe to lay the foundation on how we want to look. There were 20 people that signed up for the New Witness Workshop. This started on January 21<sup>st</sup> and will run for 6 weeks. Cinco de Mayo is May 5<sup>th</sup>. We discussed ways to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Sharon Weber and Clarrene Leffler volunteered to go to Sioux City, and find out how they are celebrating this day. They will attend the Multicultural Fair on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sioux City Convention Center, at 801 4<sup>th</sup> St. Pastor Awe suggested we ask Gary Thies to come and speak later in the year. We could possibly have a Mission Feast at that time. May 4<sup>th</sup>-May 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor will be going to Sierra Leone on a medical mission trip. The Poland mission trip is July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 13<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in going on this trip, please contact Pastor Awe. The Friendship Committee put together and delivered Valentine bags for our Eldercare. Ladies Aid made the Valentine cards. We mailed the Valentine cards and book marks to our young adults. We had a discussion about serving Lenten supper on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We will serve soup and bread. We discussed Easter gifts for the Eldercare. We are looking into VBS t-shirts. Looked at the logo and colors and will coordinate with the VBS director.

**Presidents Report:** Thank you for the great turn out. We are getting a lot done in the church and want to continue the good work. It is being noticed that if you are chosen as the Chairperson for your board, you are expected to be at the Voters Meetings. We need the chairpersons at the meetings so that questions can be directed to them.

**Pastors Report:** We are into the Lenten season. The theme is Return from Exile. The dates got changed to Poland because of a conflict. The dates are now July 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. All mission trips are set up through the LCMS. These trips are not set up by our church.

**Old Business:** The church doors and frames are still being worked on. Working with the fire marshal on details. The bricks around the church sign will be secured when it gets warmer out. There is training available through police officer Chad Sheehan about shootings. This program gives insight on how you can stay alive during a shooting. Chad has been giving these seminars to local churches and schools. He has been giving discounts to churches who want to hear this. This is something that we as a congregation can think about, if we want to pursue this seminar.

**New Business:** The church bathroom partitions need to be painted. The church will have to be shut down for at least 2 days because of the paint fumes. We have to coordinate times with the Church Secretary for all activities that would be going on while this work is being done. The floor also needs to be replaced, and there has been some materials and money donated to doing this project. There could be money used to complete the project from memorials or Thrivent funds. It doesn't look like the floor will be replaced before Easter. Floor samples were looked at to see what the voters would like for new flooring in the Fireside Room. A motion By Richard Quandt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Koebernick to take up and replace the flooring in the Fireside Room before Easter. Passed. The Trustees are now authorized to take up and install the new flooring, with help from members of the congregation. There was discussion about leaving or removing the basketball hoops in the gym. The other solution may be to monitor the basketballs while there are other functions going on in the gym. A motion by Terry Koebernick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Knecht to submit the Church Constitution to Synod with all the new corrections. (The Constitution had some typo errors that needed to be fixed.) Ed Stone noted that Kirsten Awe will be the Chairperson for the Hispanic Ministry Outreach. The money from the Lenten suppers was up for discussion. A possibility of St. Paul's School or to the Mission project in Poland was suggested.

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