

March 2018 Voters Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Glover.

Members Present: Pat Glover, Darwyn Glover, Terry Koebernick, Laverne Koebernick, Tom Gesell, Barbee Knecht, Charles Knecht, Ed Stone, Sheila Floyd, Daryl Daum, Bev Towne, Richard Quandt, Cindy Quandt, Dave Calvert, Katie Andersen, Dave Schable, Robert Billiar, Ada Hunt, Annette Poss, Dennis Bloch, Judy Bloch, Dorothy Westin, Kirsten Awe, and Debi Hammer

Opening Prayer by Pastor Awe.

Laverne Koebernick made a motion to approve the February Minutes. 2nd by Terry Koebernick. Passed.

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

Pat Glover made a motion to approve the Financial Secretary's Report. 2nd by Laverne Koebernick. Passed.

Richard Quandt made a motion to approve the Individual Summary of Accounts. 2nd by Robert Billiar. Passed.

Christian Education: The Board met the end of Feb. and in March. VBS 2018 is moving along. Advertising around town has started. Volunteers are being gathered. The Board of Ed. has applied for a grant from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to help provide materials for VBS. It was decided that for the time being, new library equipment will not be purchased, and if it becomes necessary, the library files will be transferred to another church computer.

Church Properties: The new floor in the Ed Building has been completed. Spring clean-up will be on March 24th at 9 a.m. and March 31st will be the rain date. The exhaust fan needs to be looked at in the women's bathroom.

Elders: The Elders met on March 7th with 5 Elders present. Helping with Communion on March 18th is Ed Stone and Terry Koebernick, on Maundy Thursday, March 29th is Dave Calvert and Ed Stone, on April 1st is Richard Quandt and Terry Koebernick, and April 4th is Dave Calvert. The Elders/Men of Hope are serving the Lenten supper on March 14th. Menu assignments are made. Pastor Awe presented information about a new church directory from Shelly Conlon of Life Touch. Elders were in agreement as to the need for a new updated directory. Terry Koebernick is interested in helping with this effort. The information that Pastor has about Life Touch will be presented to the Voters. The Secretary's job description was reviewed again along with the addition of "Position Description". In reviewing the Church Secretary position, it

was decided that two changes were in order. A motion by Dave Calvert and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to include one-week paid vacation per year for the secretary. Passed. A motion was made by Dave Calvert and 2nd by Richard Quandt to provide the secretary with four paid, non-accumulating sick days per year. Passed. Pastor gave a favorable progress report on the Confirmation students. Elders and parents are invited to sit in on classes.

Memorial Committee: A memorial from Carl Henshaw in the amount of \$165 will be used for a cross in the Narthex. There will also be a memorial gift for Hope from his estate. The committee reviewed wish lists that were received. The Memorials Tracking spreadsheet was reviewed. Tom Gesell will insert formulas that will display the account balance.

Stewardship: The Board did not meet this month. They served for one of the Lenten suppers. The Board thought it would be a good idea to ask the Voters about sending all the money collected at the Lenten suppers be sent to St. Paul's School. Robert Billiar made a motion and 2nd by Charles Knecht that all proceeds from all the Lenten Suppers be sent to St. Paul's School. Passed.

Missions: Sharon Weber shared her email with Pastor Witte advising him of our meeting and asking him for any suggestions as to what he would like us to provide for the Multicultural Fair. We discussed contacting Oriental Express to see what they might have in the way of books or crosses with the Easter theme for the children. Sharon will check on this. Pastor Awe requested that we get the names and addresses of those who attend our booth so we can do a follow up with them. There will be a table set up at the booth with crafts for children to do. At Northeast Community College in South Sioux on April 13th from 1-2:30 p.m. Erica DeLeon will be speaking about the economic, civic and cultural aspects of the Hispanic population in the Siouland Region. Pastor Awe suggested we get with Suzy Awe for advertising Vacation Bible School. Gary Thies will be speaking at Hope on July 15th. Sally, Deb, Paige and Pastor Awe will be going on the Poland Mission trip, July 17th-30th. It was discussed that we get in touch with Mid-Town Café and set up a deal or contract with them that if a homeless are hungry person may need a little help, that we could send them over for a meal, or maybe a night's rest. There would be a limit on this. The Friendship Committee put together gift bags for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. We also put in the Portal of Prayer booklets. Cards and bookmarks were mailed to our youth for Easter. We have 4 service people. Cards, bookmarks and Portals of Prayer were sent to them. The Sunday School made cards for Valentine's and Easter for the service people. We will be checking with our shut-ins if they are receiving the church services by way of the internet. On Friday, May 25th the Chamber Coffee Hour will be held at Hope from 9:30-10:30 a.m. More information will be available next month.

Hispanic Ministry: Kirsten Awe gave a brief update on how things are progressing. They have been meeting weekly since Ash Wednesday. Pastor Witte has been involved and will be retiring

soon. His next step will be to help in the Hispanic Ministry. The Board has been working on a job description for Pastor Witte. The Board also decided that they want to hire a DCE to work with Pastor Witte. The DCE will have a job description put in place also. A financial plan on how much is needed to be raised and how much is coming in through donations and grants to help with this ministry. A motion by Robert Billiar 2nd by Richard Quandt to proceed with the plans that Kirsten has presented. Passed.

Presidents Report: Thank you coming. It's nice to see a great turn out.

Pastors Report: Holy Week is coming. Maundy Thursday is church service with Communion. Friday is Good Friday. April 1st is Easter Sunday. Pastor Awe will be going on his vacation from May 4th-19th. This will be a medical mission trip to Sierra Leone. July 17th-30th is the Radom, Poland Mission trip. 4 people from Hope will be going.

Old Business: Nothing to report for old business.

New Business: The partitions in the men's bathroom will be removed and worked on after Easter. A motion by Richard Quandt and 2nd by Tom Gesell to replace the flooring in the main hallway of the church. Passed. We will be discussing what kind of flooring will work the best. When the parking lot needed to be cleared of snow, the plow went into the yard in front of the new shed. The yard will need to be repaired. It was suggested that in order to avoid this problem again bollards or some type of poles be put up so the plow can't go into the yard again. The snow removal was in question, and it was suggested that if others wanted to do the job, to please go to the church office and put in a bid with the Trustees. With Wednesday night being the last Lenten supper and we will be having pot luck, we need people to help get things organized. People that are willing to help should be at the church around 4:30 p.m. for set-up.

A motion by Charles Knecht and 2nd by Terry Koebernick to adjourn. Passed.

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