

St. Paul Lutheran Church Voters Assembly Meeting, October 12, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Jeff Yorke at 1:30 p.m.

Pastor Bruner opened with a devotion and prayer.

Moved and supported to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Administrative Pastor: Pastor Bruner had a printed report. He also reported that Voter Guides are available in the church office or the narthex.

Associate Pastor: Pastor Abatelli had a printed report. He also reported that the original home that they had planned on purchasing did not happen. They are still looking to purchase their own home.

Principal: No report.

Family Life Director: Laura Gleim had a printed report. She also reported that she is working on the Advent Devotional Booklet, but to date has not received any devotions to use in the booklet. The Breakfast Club funds have all been spent. Donations for this ministry would be greatly appreciated.

President: Jeff Yorke has met with the nominating committee. He will be taking the list of candidates to the November Church Council meeting. We still are looking for a candidate to fill the Presidents position.

Board and Committee Reports

Board of Finance: Jeff Yorke read the report from Steve Kern, Treasurer. Our current deficit has reached to the amount of (\$107,911.42). This is almost double the amount of deficit since the start of the fiscal year, which began in July. Envelope contributions for the 1st quarter are down over \$28,000.00 compared to last year at this time. Building Fund has a reserve of only \$2505.29. Suggestions and solutions need to be brought to the attention of our leadership as this financial state needs immediate attention.

Board of Education: Diane Bishop reported that our preschool teacher, Sarah Thayer has resigned. They will be interviewing interested candidates for that position on Thursday, Oct 16th and will make their recommendation to Personnel & Salary. Also, with the absence of our kindergarten teacher, Kay Keinath, due to illness a substitute teacher has been scheduled until the end of the month. To date 40% of registration and tuition for the current school year has been collected.

Board of Elders: Kenny McKee read the Amendment change to the current wedding policy that the Board of Elders has adopted.

Board of Evangelism: Jeff reported that they do have a slate of candidates for the board this year.

Board of Social Concerns: Jan McKee reported that the Baby Bottle drive collected around \$400.00. The Giving Tree will be displayed shortly. Merchandise left over from the Fall Festival Booth has been moved to Cozy Cottage, with no consignment expense added. One member needed help with an electric bill.

Board of Stewardship: Jan Snyder reported that they have been notified of a monetary gift to the church and they are looking into doing something similar to "Living the Parable". They assisted with the advertising for the October Sermon Series. The board is creating and publishing a "Did You Know" article in the bulletin and school newsletter. They will begin discussing what an every member visit might look, planning ahead for the year 2015.

Board of Trustees: No report

Salary and Personnell Committee: Board of Education have recommended to hire Terri Jo Keinath as Academic Interventionist, and the Board of Trustees have recommended to hire Penny Younger as substitute custodian. We are working on changes to our current employee handbook. We will be meeting in regards to the recommendations received from the Bd of Education for Pre-school teacher and the kindergarten position if necessary.

New Business:

Board of Elders: Membership changes – Transfer In: Bapized member, Madison Hahn from Immanuel Lutheran in Sebewaing, and by Profession of Faith, Jennifer Hahn. Moved and supported to accept the above membership changes. Motion carried.

Board of Stewardship: Moved and supported to accept the appointments of Corey Harry (term expiring 2015) and Chris Washburn (term expiring 2016) to the Bd of Stewardship. Motion carried.

Salary and Personnell: Moved and supported to hire Terri Jo Keinath as Academic Interventionist. Motion carried. Moved and supported to hire Penny Younger as substitute custodian. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. Pastor Abatelli closed with prayer and we closed with the singing of the Common Doxology.

22 Members present

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Glady, acting secretary