

Meeting called to order at 11.22 am by President Dale Gruenewald. There were 44 members in attendance. Pastor opened with a prayer.

ZTeam: Gary Shondy gave a short review of the details provided in the meeting agenda, including all the trimming, mowing and the usual upkeep around the church, church park and cemetery. He highlighted the newly paved sidewalk from the parking lot to the bridge at the park, the replacement of the glass block window after vandalism to the outbuilding, and the servicing of the boiler to keep it working. He ended with a note of thanks to all who helped throughout the year.

Church activities, fundraisers and long range plans: Dale asked those in attendance to review the agenda for the listed activities and fundraisers before proceeding to the list of completed and potential upcoming projects. Helen Vigna asked specifically about the elevator and if there were any plans to revisit replacing it. She mentioned concerns about the safety of the current elevator. Earl Doerr pointed out that it is inspected every year and passes code. Les Mehrtens elaborated to explain that two inspections are done: a maintenance inspection as well as a state inspection including weights to rate the capacity.

Election of Church Leaders: For the three vacancies for the 2022-2024 Council term, Dale read out the three proposed nominees: Annette Hund, Kurt Pellmann and Barbara Scharf. He then asked for any additional nominations; none were made. Bill Savering motioned to accept Annette Hund, Kurt Pellmann and Barbara Scharf for the 2022-2024 Council term; Darren Gruenewald seconded. Motion carried.

For the one vacancy for the 2022-2024 Board of Christian Education (BCE) term, Dale read out the one proposed nominee: Jodi Notter. He then asked for any additional nominations; none were made. Dave Woehlke motioned to accept Jodi Notter for the 2022-2024 BCE term; Linda Hopfinger seconded. Motion carried.

Budget: Dale began the budget discussion by thanking Darren Doerr, Les Mehrtens and Andrew Taake for their work on the budget committee and Richard Hoffelmeyer for all the advanced preparation of financial details from previous years. Dale referred to the proposed raises for employees, noting that the increase ensures the church employees are being appreciated for their hard work while the cost is largely offset by the savings from not paying organists during the summer. Dale also pointed out the inclusion of the preschool in the budget since those monies also run through the General Fund. Annette Hund motioned to accept the proposed 2022 budget; Krista Gruenewald seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business: Earl Doerr introduced the idea of selling the Hecke property and using the proceeds to finance a larger replacement shed at the park. He presented images of common

pole sheds in the area, a style that would fit out at the park. Reasons for this proposal include the rough shape of the road out to the Hecke shed where all the yard sale goods are stored and the fact that it's an additional property the church has to maintain. Additionally, the current shed at the park is small in size for the amount of equipment that is stored there. He and Bill Albert received a valuation of the 3 acre property with the shed at \$99,000 to \$125,000 due to the favorable real estate market; now would be the time to get the highest possible sale value. Earl shared an estimation of \$48,035 for a 40'x60' building, concrete floor and electric, which was based on the low bid from Built Mor of \$40,700 for the building itself; two additional bids from Cleary (\$58,039) and Morton (\$63,735) were also received. He noted the church still needs to check with the village on ordinances at the park.

Andrew Taake asked about the location of the new shed, and Earl stated it would be in the same place. Linda Hopfinger requested clarification that there was no longer any interest in keeping the Hecke property and Dale reiterated that it is inconveniently located out of town, down a bad road and that the shed is bursting at the seams with yard sale donations every year.

Les Mehrtens asked about the realtor who provided the valuation on the Hecke property, and Earl provided the answer of Becky Demond. Les then reiterated the importance of first checking with the village about the shed before things go too far. Darrell Doerr asked if the park is zoned for industrial but Earl did not know off hand.

Helen Vigna raised a point about the need for a new shed at all, reasoning that with an aging and shrinking ZTeam, the church may not be able to continue the yard sale much longer. Pastor referred back to the previously stated inconvenient distance to the Hecke property and bad road conditions being reason enough to sell, even if a new shed isn't built.

Krista Gruenewald brought up the float work for the lighted parade that was done out at their property which would be much more convenient to do in town if the larger shed was built. Dale furthered the point saying the larger shed could have additional benefits, including being a space for other youth projects and church events.

Earl stated he would check on the ordinances with the city.

Kathi Trent made a few final points for the benefit of selling the Hecke property, including the fact that the church currently pays taxes and insurance on the property.

Rich Trent motioned to adjourn; Joyce Tastad seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald
Secretary - Stacy Woehlke