

# St. Matthew's Quarterly Congregational Meeting

## February 12, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Don Weltzien and opened with devotion by Pastor Schroeder.

The members in attendance are listed on a separate page attached to these minutes. 45 voting members were present.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2003 quarterly congregational meeting.

### **Membership Changes:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive by transfer, and by adult confirmation the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to dismiss by transfer, by release and by removal the individuals listed on a separate page attached to these minutes. The dismissal by transfer of Steve Kopiness to Hope, Oconomowoc was added to the list.

Grover Zwieg, John Leverenz and Dan Hatcher were received as new voting members.

### **Election of Officers and Board Members:**

The following members were elected to the open positions;

Board of Elders – Mike Ward

Board of Stewardship – Grover Zwieg (1 yr term)

Nominating Committee – Todd Helwig, David Koblitz, Steve Maas, Dwight Sandvold and Mark Thurow

### **Reports:**

#### **Financial Secretary:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Financial Secretary's report as presented.

#### **Treasurer:**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

#### **Board of Education:**

Steve Servais made a substantial presentation pertaining to membership in the Lakeside High School Federation. This information is included in an attached document. This was done in anticipation of the Board possibly recommending joining the Federation at the next quarterly voter's meeting. There was a suggestion that the Board report to the congregation on other higher educational institutions and our support of them.

The Board is working on a program to assist families with their spiritual growth. The Board is also going through and updating school policies as appropriate.

#### **Board of Elders:**

The Board continues their work on returning delinquent members to the church. The pew registries are working well and may be made permanent.

#### **Board of Outreach:**

The Board is studying ways of getting our name out in the community.

#### **Board of Stewardship:**

Dale Mackdance reported on the every member visits. There weren't enough volunteers to complete the visits. Those not visited will be invited to a meeting at church between services on Feb. 15 & 22. Tom Miller will be compiling the results of the surveys for presentation to the congregation at a later date. Bill Neubauer will be conducting a seminar on tax exempt charitable giving on February 22 at 4:00 pm with a dinner to follow.

A program entitled "Mission to the Children" will be started this spring. The goal of the program is to teach all children of the congregation the meaning of stewardship through participation in using the time, talent and treasure to God's glory. The funds collected will be used in a 16 village area of poverty stricken Northern Mexico.

**Board of Trustees:**

The board has made a project list for 2004 and is catching up on things left to do from 2003. The refrigerated flower case is now working. The board is checking into repairs to the school roof.

**Pastors:**

No additional report.

**Mr. Ziel:**

A presentation was made that included a brief history of the school (81 years of teaching God's word) and a summary of things happening this school year.

**Synod Communicator:**

No additional report.

**Memorial Trust Fund:**

No additional report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Report on FIC/FIO; Bob Schroeder reported that the preliminary design for the new school is complete and the Steering Committee is developing a financial plan to start the project. There will be an organizational/kick-off meeting for a newly formed Financial Resource Committee on February 22. A Communication Committee will be formed to keep the congregation informed.

**New Business:**

There was a motion made and seconded that we extend a 1-year probationary call to our member Dennis Fletcher to serve our congregation as a staff minister. This would enable Dennis to complete the internship part of our synod's staff minister training program at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN. And enable Dennis to become a synod-certified staff minister after the completion of the course work still required and thus eligible for a permanent call. Dennis has waived any wages for this year. Motion carried.

There was a motion made and seconded that we ratify the appointment of Ralph Schmidt, Sr. to fill the remaining year of Roger Preuss' term and financial secretary. Ralph's service would be limited to the maintenance of contribution records and reporting regularly to the council and congregation and providing statements of contributions to our members. He would not be expected to function as a member of the church council other than in providing reports. Motion carried.

There was a motion made and seconded that we adopt the attached Fee Structure for the 2004-2005 school year in our Lutheran Elementary School. Motion carried. There was also a motion made and seconded that the fee subsidy for students from Hope be reduced to \$667/student for the 2004-2005 school year and \$333/student for the 2005-2006 school year. After that year there would no longer be any subsidy and Hope families would be the same as other non-members. Motion carried.

Don Weltzien announced that there would be a special voter's meeting on March 7, 2004 at 9:15 am for the purpose of calling a teaching assistant for Mr. Ziel.

Don also announced that Hope Lutheran had been granted Mission Status by our synod this past Monday.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rik Krahn, Secretary

