

Voters meeting
January 28, 2018

Quorum was present and meeting was called to order by the chairman and opened with a prayer

Proposed budget was discussed and questions answered. Member stated he believed congregation authorized a maximum loan of \$300,000.00 and chairman indicated he would research this and advise. Vice Chairman pulled up minutes of 5-7-17 which indicated "Plan is "budget neutral". We can borrow \$300,000 from LCEF by refinancing current mortgage and using mortgage and facilities maintenance budget lines, and limited to no more than \$1,700 per month. We will continue to maintain a facilities maintenance balance of \$20,000 as well as "Motion was made, seconded and carried to authorize chairman, on behalf of the Congregation of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, to execute the completion of plans as recommended by the various building sub-committees and approved by the council that does not increase the approved church budget, thus remaining budget neutral". Currently unused funds are being invested. Question was asked about the \$5,000 gift to Alexandria Rappe for mission work not showing up in budget document from last year. This was taken from LCEF account and not shown on budget document. This will be corrected on next budget. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept as proposed by council.

Chairman reported on ongoing and upcoming construction projects. Final inspections should be done this week on kitchen. When this is done, Ken will begin removing items from old kitchen. If anyone wants anything from the old kitchen they should notify him. Bathroom work is in last phase. Flooring will be started after resolution on posts. Parish hall is on hold pending information. Approximate estimate of cost for posts is \$60,000. Architect will discuss with narthex committee. Windows committee is working on what is needed. We have enough excess brick if needed to adjust size of windows. Chairman advised that excess funds after construction is done would be used for other necessary work around the church. No further work will be started until after Easter. Member suggested that meetings of narthex committee be scheduled and possibly estimates be requested. Since mention was made about possible new stairway and education classes being held upstairs, member mentioned that upstairs rooms need to be updated. Ken advised that, if new stairs are installed they will be ADA compliant.

Chairman requested participation in committees and council. He indicated that if members do not get involved, they should not criticize.

Current council members were introduced. Volunteers requested to serve on council. John will be unable to continue as treasurer. There being no volunteers, motion was made, seconded and carried to accept current council.

Motion was made that we set a debt limit at this minute. Chairman tabled this for discussion at next council meeting and then to be brought to voters.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn

Meeting closed with a responsive prayer led by Pastor Rappe.