

Hope Lutheran Church Voter's Assembly Meeting May 31, 2009

Pat Plemmons called the meeting to order.

Pastor Nieting opened with a prayer.

Pat Plemmons discussed the requirement as stated in the Constitution to becoming a voting member. A person must have been a communicant member for at least the last 60 days and over 18 years of age. The new voting members were asked to stand and be recognized. Lisa Wooten, Freddie Blaser, JoAnn Blaser, Susan Brown, and Michael Brown were acknowledged. Carroll Bains motioned to accept as voting members. Mike Leveskas seconded. The members unanimously voted in favor of accepting them as voting members.

Pat Plemmons introduced Jeff Gruetzmacher who went over the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Mal O'Neal motioned to approve budget as is. Gerald Brown seconded. The voting members unanimously passed the proposed budget.

Pat Plemmons introduced Carroll Bains who announced the new Council slate. (He also announced that everyone else on the Council still has 1 more year of the term).

- President- Pat Plemmons
- Treasurer- Vince Shahayda
- At Large Ever Sharing- Nickie Butler
- At Large Ever Learning- Misu Brown

Bill Koopman motioned to accept the new slate. Rick Muth seconded. Voting members unanimously voted on the new Council slate.

Carroll Bains thanked Alison Hernandez for all her help with finding the new slate.

Pat Plemmons announced that some of our groups within the church had presentations to present. Leisure Lutherans donated an extra \$200. Knights of Hope donated \$500. Youth donated \$2,609. (A total of \$3,309 towards Envision Hope was given).

Pat Plemmons introduced Bob Brauer, a member of the Building Committee. He thanked Kroger for storing our cakes for the Ground Breaking Ceremony because we didn't have any room in our refrigerators. He informed the voting members that there had been a reporter from The Virginian-Pilot doing a story on our ground breaking.

Bob went over the approved plan (Plan A) for our new additions as it stands, but moved on to explain a Plan B which is a new plan being proposed by the Building Committee and Council. Plan B would enhance the flow of people much better. We would get a new kitchen, choir area,

and fellowship hall with the Plan B. We would also gain approximately 2100 sq. feet going from Plan A to Plan B. Bob talked about the 2 and 3 hour firewalls that are required. He explained to the voting members that there will be a time delay if we approve Plan B. The building would commence around September 1st. The benefits of Plan B are:

1. Flow
2. More space
3. 2 more assembly areas
4. Segregated parts of the church
5. Larger Narthex
6. School rooms segregated

Bob Brauer asked if there were any questions.

Gerald Brown asked if there is going to be an increase in \$ because of the firewall? Tim Meinhardt said yes but the money was in the contingency money already.

Bill Koopman commented that he liked the new plan because walking is hard for him and he doesn't attend events in the current fellowship hall because of the long hike.

Carroll Bains informed the members that 3 town hall meetings were held. He explained that that went well. The new Plan B was overwhelmingly liked by all.

Harvey Hindin asked how much time is building going to take from the start of construction to the end? The phases are still being worked out but the best guess is at least 1 year. He also asked are we building enough? The response was we hope we are building enough.

Alisha Cofer commented that because we have to do this building in phases remember the new sanctuary is not going to be built yet.

Roberta Head inquired about the fact that the new fellowship hall could possibly be rented but what about the bathrooms being able to be accessed? Bob Brauer went over the fact that there will be bathrooms right by the new fellowship hall which would be accessible.

Eileen Wiltshire asked about the line in the fellowship hall. How does this affect adult classrooms? Bob explained that Carolyn's Office moves and the fellowship hall divides in ½.

Don Deliz asked to move on with the meeting and address how do we pay for this project? (He reminded the voting members that the Building Committee has already been given the ability to make minor adjustments). Pat Plemmons responded that we have to pay for these changes out of our pockets. He informed the members that if 200 families gave \$40 extra a month that we could do it!

Gerald Brown asked if this plan was contingent on the letters or previous pledges. Don Deliz informed the members that a letter will be sent out to families asking to pledge within 30 days.

Tom Brown called for the vote. Don Deliz seconded. Kim Behm motioned to accept Plan B in place of Plan A originally approved by the voting members. Mal O'Neal seconded. The voting members approved Plan B unanimously.

Pat Plemmons thanked everyone for coming.

Pastor Cofer closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by:

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