Salem Lutheran Church Special Congregational Meeting

Salem Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:00 am

Call to Order: President Shannon Bruhns established that a quorum of active members (52) were present. Shannon called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer – Shannon Bruhns

Purpose of the Meeting – Vote on how to apply existing building project/tuckpointing funds and to approve a request for funds from the Enduring Gift Fund (interest on principal) or a low interest loan from Cemetery Board if needed to finance Phase 2 of the building project; and to approve a contract with Young Construction Company for Steeple repair.

Shannon then reviewed the bid offered by Young Construction for repair of both steeples, stressing that this bid is for known costs at this time, noting there can also be incidental expenses. Shannon then reviewed project financing (handout provided to members in attendance). Review included current balance of Tuckpointing Project contributions and cost of Phase 1 Tuck pointing quote and Phase 2 Steeple repair quote. She also reviewed proposals to finance the continuing building project through use of additional current Tuckpointing/Building project funds (fund exceeds quote for tuckpointing) as well as continued capital fund raising from Salem membership. In the event that we are unable to raise enough funds to cover Phase 2, options to cover the cost include use of the Enduring Gift Fund (EGF) interest on principal of approximately $11,000 and/or a low interest loan from the Cemetery Board. There was expressed interest from those present to encourage continued capital donations.

Salem members present were given the opportunity to ask questions and/or comments. Lyle Thomson raised the status of the Enduring Gift Fund, both principal and interest, questioning the purpose and availability of these funds. Shannon responded that use of Enduring Gift Funds is restricted to use of interest only and not the principle based on the current Salem Constitution. Shannon will be in contact with the EGF committee and ask them to clarify to the congregation how these funds can be used. Bruce Adams asked about specifics of the steeple repair, asking if painting/repair of the crosses on steeple and other repairs such as window casements will be included. Shannon and Mike Swenson noted that those repairs were not part of the steeple repair quote and that additional quotes for window casement and other repairs have been requested.

Connie Sabin moved that Salem members raise additional capital funds to support Phase 2 of the building project and if needed request for financial support would be used from the EGF interest and/or a low interest loan from the Cemetery Board. Seconded by Faye Aamodt. All approved with a voice vote.

Doug Bruhns moved to accept the bid from Young Construction for steeple repair, seconded by Bruce Adams. All approved with a voice vote.

Mike Swenson moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Becky Helgeson. The meeting was adjourned.

We prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Haugsdal