

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church
Quarterly Meeting—Family Life Center
April 24, 2022 12:00 P.M.

Opening Pray and Call Meeting to Order-President Aaron Clark called the Quarterly meeting to order and opened with prayer on Sunday, April 24 at 12:10 P.M. The Quarterly meetings were combined for the presentation of the Accessibility Funding Team's plan and voting on a motion to proceed to the next step of the project.

Packets were distributed containing: an agenda, the March Financial Statement, and the Senior Pastor's Report.

Financial Report-Treasurer Kathy Myers reported the financial position of the operating fund is strong. A motion to approve the report was made by Pam Wittenberg. Karen Grossman seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Financial Report passed unanimously by voice vote.

Senior Pastor's Report-Pastor Seth Jersild referred members to his written report in the packet.

Associate Pastor's Report-Pastor Patti Morlock reported that over \$30,000 has been raised by the majority of the churches in the Southeast Ohio Mission District to support our sponsorship of an intern in the mission district, who will be based here at St. John's. An Internship Team has been formed to support this person. Karen Bentley will lead the team. Additional members include Julie Von Lohr, Jill Althoff, Phil Pennington, Rick Butsko, and Pastor Tom Phillips. Having a pastor on the team was a consideration since Pastor Patti and Pastor Seth are not to attend team meetings according to NALC guidelines.

Also, Pastor Patti has been appointed by the NALC to be the chairman of a committee that oversees candidates for Ordination Under Special Circumstances. She explained what this term means and that the committee has interviewed seven candidates. One will be ordained at the Ohio Mission Region Convocation on Saturday, May 7 and another one will be ordained sometime this summer.

Handicapped Accessibility Funding Team Presentation-The team passed out packets detailing their proposed plan and held informational sessions after the Saturday night service on April 23 and during the Sunday School hour this morning, Sunday, April 24.

Pastor Seth summarized the concerns that led to the formation of the Accessibility Team last year.

Dan Yeater presented the Accessibility Funding Plan overview. Graphics from the handout were shown as the plan was presented.

Pastor Don Allman reported that in three weeks of "Stage One" the Major Gifts team has received pledges of \$312,000. They continue to meet with members of the con-

gregation to answer questions and provide opportunities to become involved with financial support for this project at any level of giving. The goal of this stage of the plan is to have \$500,000 in commitments. "Stage Two" will begin as soon as the congregation votes to proceed with the proposed Funding plan. This stage will involve Giving Pledge cards that will indicate members' pledges to provide ongoing weekly/monthly support to raise additional funds. There will also be opportunities for members to use their Time and Talents to support this project.

Mistie Clark explained the goal of her team to raise \$200,000 through weekly, monthly, and quarterly fundraising events. She explained the first fundraiser Meals for Moms-a silent auction for the next two weeks.

Dan Yeater detailed the Funds Collected, Pledged, or Identified. He also shared some of the Potential Sources of Additional Funds. He reiterated that we are planning to proceed with ~\$100,000 cash in hand for the detailed designs needed to guide the project. When an additional \$600,000 is in hand, we will sign a construction loan with a bank. When construction is completed the loan will be converted to a conventional loan.

Tim Allman asked if there had been any thought given to the idea of adding another set of doors on the south Link Entrance to serve as a wind barrier since the north Link Entrance doors will be removed with the building addition. Dan Yeater will check on this.

Aaron Clark read the motion that the Church Council presented to the congregation.

It is moved by the Church Council that the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church approve the proposed funding plan authorizing the design and construction of the accessibility and welcoming addition.

Detail design (~\$100,000) will begin ASAP following congregational approval of funding plan.

Construction will begin when we have \$600,000 in hand.

This motion authorizes the church to enter into a construction loan agreement, up to \$800,000, when the \$600,000 is in hand.

Any construction loan funds not paid at completion of the project will be converted to a conventional loan.

Dan Czaplicki seconded the motion. Members of the congregation voted by written ballot. Ballots were counted and the results reported during the meeting were 86-YES votes. 0-No votes. The motion to proceed with the Accessibility Funding plan as presented was unanimously approved. (Ballots were recounted following the meeting and there were 106-YES votes and 0-NO votes.)

Adjournment-A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lorina Allmon and seconded by Michael Grimm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary