2017 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH – FRIESBURG

The annual congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 22. 2017, with 34 members constituting a quarum. (Nancy Cobb reported we have 75 active members). Council President, Wayne Knerr, called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Pastor McGettigan opened the meeting with prayer.

Appointed to act as tellers were Donald Bell and John Bourquin

A motion to accept the minutes of the 2016 annual meeting was made by Judy Cellmer and seconded by Dianne Hermanson. Passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's reports were discussed. Dianne Hermanson had a few questions regarding over and under budget items shown separately. After explanation it was shown that the bottom line figure is accurate. Motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Dianne Hermanson and seconded by Cindy Plummer. Passed unanimously.

Council members going off are Cindy Cairone, June Bostwick and Jenn Dalbow. Jenn has elected to run again. Anette Manno and Jason Cobb have volunteered to run for the two open three year term positions. No volunteers from the congregation. June and Cindy were thanked for their service on council. Motion to cast vote for 3 names was made by June Bostwick and seconded by Cindy Plummer. Ed Kuebler made a motion to accept the slate of council members and seconded by Gladys Elder. The "ayes" took the vote.

The proposed budget for 2017 was presented as in the annual report. Church $90,525.42 and Parsonage $13,100. Dianne Hermanson questioned a few new line items. Shown are questioned items and answers given: 1) Computer/Software -$500. - Needed for the use of church computer and to backup church records. Also the treasurer needs new software upgrades. 2) Website – $730. – monthly fee.
The 5% increase for organist and interim pastor were discussed. 1) Organist – anticipated need for funds for extra services and substitute when needed. 2) Pastor salary – to show appreciation for what Pastor McGettigan has done and is doing.
Sharon Coleman asked if we should budget for any expenses incurred by the call committee when they start working toward finding a new pastor. Pastor McGettigan felt there would be very little expenses since much of the work will be done electronically. Council is empowered to approve expense money on travel for the call process if necessary. They have power to spend 5% over budget. This is an unknown expense at this time.. It could possibly take 1 year to 15 months to find a pastor.
Benevolence - new addition to budget. Budget will be shown as a goal for 2017 set as $7,500.
It was noted we did a good job in 2016. $4.500 was collected between May and December. These funds will be split between the National Church and Mission District.
Ed Kuebler explained NALC is different from ELCA regarding benevolence giving. It can be left to the congregation on how they prefer to distribute the 2017 contributions. Contribution choices are Foreign Missions, Mission Congregations and Seminary
Pastor McGettigan discussed a little on stewardship and giving. He suggested individuals should pray for what they feel they should give and set goals and let their heart tell them what to do regarding their giving. No one at Emanuel will be badgered on giving.
Motion was made to accept the budget by Ed Kuebler and seconded by June Bostwick. Paper ballots were used to approve. 30 votes – 27 yes; 3 no. Budget passed.

Old Business

Pew Bible Question made of where the donation slips were. Pastor McGettigan will prepare a slip to be included in the Acolyte and they also will be available on the back table in the sanctuary.

Connections Magazine Ed Kuebler reported this magazine has been subscribed to for the congregation. It is published six times a year and one will be send to each household. Cost of each subscription is $15.00. Individuals may donate toward this if they desire. This magazine may also be used as an outreach tool.

Address/Phone Listing - Cindy Plummer asked if this listing could be updated and distributed.

New Business

In view of adding an Administrative Assistant, Dianne Hermanson asked that the current volunteers, Nancy Cobb, Cindy Sutton and Margaret Dare, be thanked for their service.

Wayne Knerr thanked Anette Manno, Jason Cobb and Jenn Dalbow for agreeing to service on church council.

Call Committee

The Call Committee consists of five congregants plus one council member. The committee members so far are: Sharon Coleman, Steve Kennedy, Elizabeth Brooks, Kyle Knerr. One more member is still to be asked. The committee will choose one member to chair the committee.
Pastor McGettigan discussed how to start the call process. More information will be shared in the near future as we start to move forward with this process.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry Cellmer and seconded by Mary Ellen Knerr at 12:20 pm.. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Patsy Madden, Sub Secretary