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Eden Lutheran Church

Annual Congregational Meeting January 19, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Marylou Ludwig at 12:09 am, attendance was 60.

Motion: Accept agenda as presented, MSC.

Motion: Election of Synod Assembly Voting Delegates, no volunteers at this time. We will only be sending Pastor Brown as a delegate because of the expense involved; any volunteers will be responsible for their own expenses, MSC.

Written reports from Pastor Brown and the various Eden organizations are in your packet.

Report details:

Pastor – Her emphasis in 2014 will be more personal outreach to friends and neighbors in the community. Many thanks to the great support from the membership volunteers.

Audit – Updated fiscal controls and minor corrections needed.

Council – Communicate any needs and concerns to Council.

ELCW – Major events where the rummage sale and Christmas bazaar.

Quilting Club – Over 200 quilts, core group, but fresh faces welcome.

Outreach and Evangelism – Homeless lunch program continues, Bible verses and quotes included.

Financials – With giving down, greater financial Stewardship needed.

Membership – New membership 4.

Service – Need for more helpers at setup and cleanup.

Stewardship – No count on pledges received, Congregational pledges seem to be unimportant to membership, no effect on actual giving.

Learning/Youth – Support for Sunday School, Youth planning needed. No response from parents and youth to many written and oral invitations.

Worship and Music – 125th Anniversary year group, Organ concert.

Helping Hands – Greater activity available with increased gift card sales. Financial report does not include all income or expenses.

Eden Pre-school – Great Director and staff, operating in the black.

Property – Major HVAC expenses, volunteers finished many projects.

Discussion and questions on reports, acknowledgements – Toni spoke to the improvement in communications to her about Church events. Susan reminded about online calendar that can be updated.

Presentation of the Stephen Award to May Givens and Barbara Young for outstanding service to Eden and the community.

Motion to adjourn at 12:50 pm, MSC.

Sincerely,

Lyle Hodgerson

Eden Church Council Secretary