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Eden Lutheran Church

Annual Congregational Meeting January 17, 2016

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

Motion: Accept agenda as presented, MSC.

Motion: Election of Synod Assembly Voting Delegates. Steve and Arlea Anderson and Zack Anderson, We will be sending Pastor Brown as a delegate MSC.

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

Report details:

Pastor – Her emphasis in 2016 will be more personal outreach to friends and neighbors in the community. She has a very full work week with a strong commitment to fulfill her duties as our Pastor.

Audit – Updated audit needed.

Council – Engage members to be active beyond Sundays. Communicate any needs and concerns to Council.

ELCW – Major events were the rummage sale, Coffee Hour, Group offerings and the 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 17.

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. The Butterfly Challenge race was a fun way to raise over \$3300 dollars.

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 – Susan reminded about online calendar that can be updated.

Motion to adjourn at 12:50 pm, MSC.

Sincerely, Lyle Hodgerson

For Don Eissfeldt, Eden Church Council Secretary