

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 29, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Council President Cheri' Nygard. There were 32 members present.

Opening devotions were led by Pastor Greg with Laura Krauth leading the Annual Congregational meeting opening Liturgy.

Approval of Agenda: Pastor Christine Holler-Dinsmore requested that Item D under new business be removed.

Approval of Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting: James Johnson made a motion to accept these minutes. Laura Krauth seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Georgia Willoughby to approve the Treasurer's report. Bill Rensvold seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Reports: Shirley Zimmerman made a motion to approve the following annual reports and James Nygard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Pastor's Report
- President's Report
- Worship, Evangelism & Stewardship Committee Report
- Youth & Education Committee Report
- Property Committee Report
- Memorial Committee Report
- Memorial Treasurer's Report
- WELCA Report
- WELCA Treasurer's Report
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Report
- Nominating Committee
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OLD BUSINESS: There was a review of future possibilities for renovation. The next item on the list will be the concrete work in front of the church as money becomes available. There will be work done to the radio room with funds from the Sound & Music fund being used for that project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. APPROVAL OF REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: This will be a 2-part approval process. There are 2 main changes to the Constitution. Those being that the Pastor will become a voting member of the Congregation and Council and that the Council will have the authority to approve expenditures up to \$10,000 without bringing it to the Congregation for approval. The vote today will be to approve the Synod approved version of the Constitution and Bylaws. The church will be operating in 2017 under the old Constitution. The final vote of approval will take place at the Annual meeting held in 2018. Doug Madison made a motion to approve the revised Constitution and Bylaws. Gary Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- B. USE OF CLERGY HOUSING LOAN FUND TO BALANCE BUDGET: The Council submitted a recommendation that the money from the Housing Fund loan be used as a one-time cash infusion to balance our budget, add enough money to the Mission Endowment Fund Principal to bring that to \$50,000 so the interest could then be used and put the balance remaining from the Housing Fund Loan into an "emergency fund" to be used as the Council deems fit. This was voted on by secret ballot and it passed 27 for and 0 against.
- C. APPROVAL OF PASTOR'S HOUSING ALLOWANCE: The Pastor can benefit for the provisions of the Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Congregation specifies that the total compensation paid to him during the fiscal year 2017 includes a housing allowance. The estimated amount to be spent for housing expenses by Pastor is \$12,000. With approval by the Congregation this would permit Pastor to deduct that amount from his taxable income and has no further effect upon the Congregation or budget. An approval by the Congregation is needed every year. Gary Sethre made a motion to approve the housing allowance and Louise Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- D. APPROVAL FOR FIRST LUTHERAN TO BE THE FIDUCIARY AGENT FOR PASTOR CHRISTINE HOLLER-DINSMORE (SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES): Per Christine's request this was removed from the New Business.
- E. APPROVAL OF THE 2017 BUDGET: After discussion Marilyn Johnson made a motion to approve the 2017 budget and Bill Rensvold seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- F. ELECTIONS: Nominations were opened to the floor for new council members. James Johnson, Cheri' Nygard, Shane Reed and Abby Reum have been nominated. Two more nominees are needed. There were no nominations. Jerald Petersen, Marlene Jager and Cathy Madison have all agreed to serve on the Memorial Committee. Doug Madison made a motion to approve those nominated and Susan Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Nominations were left open. Anyone interested in serving on the Council should contact Pastor Greg.

There being no further business for the annual meeting, James Nygard made a motion to adjourn and Carl Traeholt seconded. Motion carried. All joined hands and recited the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diann Gibson