

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday January 27, 2019 at 11:45 AM
Upper Great Room

- **Call to Order, Greeting and Welcome** – Jeff Taxdahl, Council President, 11:52 AM
- **Opening Prayer** – Pastor Laila Barr
- **Agenda and Minutes approval** – President Taxdahl
 - Allie Olinger made a motion to approve the Agenda for the Annual Meeting. A second to the motion was provided by **Lyman McPherson**. The motion carried.
 - **A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2018 Annual Meeting was made by Heather Morris. Tom Handrich provided the second. Motion carried.**
- **Introductions** – President Taxdahl
 - The current church council introduced themselves. Pastoral staff provided their view of 2018 ministry highlights in their respective areas of focus and examples of things they were looking forward to in 2019.
- **Proposed Constitutional Changes discussion** – Keith Wanttaja, Council member
 - A document titled “SOLLC Constitution Change Summary” was provided to the attending members for review. Keith discussed the differences between the current constitution and proposed changes. He noted that the group that worked on this effort used the ELCA guidelines as their reference point.
 - Among other changes, of particular note were the following:
 - Chapter 10.04 changing the quorum requirement from 100 to 25. Rules for calling, notification, and conducting a proper meeting were not changed.
 - Chapter 11.01 added the office of Treasurer to the Council Executive Team.
 - Amendment Section IV Chapter 12 Item 1D – provides that, “Paid members of the Church Staff, their spouses, or partners are not eligible for positions on the church council.”
 - Amendment Section IV Chapter 12 Item 1E – provides that, “Spouses and Partners may not be elected to serve on the same Church Council unless no other candidates have met qualifications.”
 - **Keith put a motion to the floor that the proposed constitutional changes by adopted. Tom Handrich seconded the motion. Paper ballot were distributed and collected to record the vote.**
- **Review of 2018 Financial Reports** – Katie Kocina, Finance Director

- A packet of documents was provided to the meeting attendees for review. Expenses for the year were \$107,141 greater than income. However, a matching fund gift of \$60,000 is to be received in February and will reduce the shortfall to \$47,141.
- The mortgage balance was reduced by \$532,268 to \$7,786,464.
- **Presentation of 2019 Proposed Budget** - Katie Kocina, Finance Director
 - Based on pledges and online giving commitments, the income is budgeted to increase \$89,200 over the actual income for 2018. Expenses are budgeted nearly flat at \$5,960 over 2018 actual expenses.
 - **A motion to approve the 2019 proposed budget was made by Lyman McPherson. Tom Klotz provided the second. Motion carried.**
- **Report of the Nomination Committee and Election of Council Members.** – Rhiannon Johnson, Council Vice President
 - Vice President Johnson recognized outgoing Council Members Jenn Beuch-Bohlsen and Tom Handrich and thanked them both for their service. Specific note was made of Tom’s long, faithful service to SOLLC and the attendees expressed their appreciation of same.
 - Paper ballots were distributed for the voting process.
- **Announcement of the Lily Endowment “Thriving in Ministry” grant –** Pastor Dan Poffenberger
 - Pastor Dan described the grant process and submission that he made with a focus on development and nurturing of emerging leaders of complex larger communities of faith. The award was for \$929,80 and, while administration duties will reside at SOLLC, the funds are distinctly separate from SOLLC finances.
- **Report of Constitutional Changes and Council Election voting -** President Taxdahl
 - The Constitutional Changes were approved by a 97 “yes” and 4 “No” vote.
 - The newly elected Council members are: Nick Cauley, Aaron Stromley and Rachael Wentworth.
- **Closing Prayer** – Pastor Adam Teske
- **Adjournment** – President Taxdahl
 - There being no other business to come before the body, Nick Gordon moved that the meeting be adjourned. John Clay provided the second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:48 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mike Jerke