

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church

January 29, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was held in the sanctuary as well as via ZOOM.

Andy Dennison began the meeting shortly after 9:00 a.m. with some housekeeping notes. Specifically reminding all of our protocol for hybrid meetings (Sanctuary and ZOOM).

Quorum has been reached. We needed a minimum of 90 people. (94 in person, 19 on ZOOM)

Pastor Arthur shared an opening prayer.

Agenda Approval- Hearing no additions, agenda passes by unanimous consent.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2022- Discussion-none. Hearing no additions, minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports-No discussion on reports.

Trust Fund Report-Roxie Olsen, chair of the Trust Fund summarized this past year, 2022. The Trust Fund distributed 10 grants totaling \$29,029. The market was down this year and at one point the fund was down almost \$100,000. It has come back some, gaining about \$28,000 in January. In November, the Trust Fund received an anonymous donation of \$100,000. Thanks expressed for this donation. The fund is currently around \$678,000. We will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Trust Fund during 2023. Since its inception, the fund has provided approximately \$1,100,000 to worthy causes.

Financial Report-Andy asked for questions. None heard.

Election of Council Members-Sonja Wilson, chair of the nominating committee announced the members running for Council. They are Jack Berkseth, Mike Diercks, and Jodi Babineau. Three calls for nominations from the floor. Hearing none from the floor, voting began. Paper ballots were collected from members in attendance and Zoom members voted by poll.

Election of Nominating Committee-We need five members on the nominating committee. Either Jennifer Nelson and Andy Dennison will be on the committee as outgoing council members. Four nominations from the floor. Adam Bever nominates Julie Bever. Pastor Arthur nominates Dave Wilson. Julie Bever nominates Ric Brekke. Dave Myre nominates Mike Bock. All nominees accept their nomination. Call for any additional nominations. Hearing none, nominations closed. Voice vote, motion carries.

Election of Synod Assembly Representatives-Meeting to be held hybrid on April 23, 2023 with the in person site being here at Bethany. We need three delegates. Sue Zahrbock and Peg Martin are each nominated. Joan Gerland nominates herself. Discussion. Should we have a male delegate? We have always tried to have gender equity. This is true but it is not in the constitution as a requirement. Eldon

Vrieze moves to accept the three delegates. Julie Bever seconded. Discussion-none. Voice vote, motion carries.

Election of Luther Park Representatives for February 2024 Luther Park annual meeting-We need three representatives. Call for nominations. Audrey Kusilek nominates herself. Bill Evans nominates himself and his wife, Bea Evans. Dave Wilson motions to accept the slate. Amy Pelle seconded. Discussion-none. Voice vote, motion passes.

Approval of Budget– Ric Brekke motions to approve the 2023 budget. Bill Evans seconded. Discussion-Jim Kusilek asks Pastor Arthur to speak. Pastor Arthur agrees to speak and notes that our congregation has come together, stepped up its giving and the budget looks much better going into this year. He and the council are looking ahead and will be working on strategic planning. Another good sign is we are attracting new members. He also thanked the staff for all of their work and accomplishments. Any more discussion? Kevin Jacobson remarked that there are many positive things happening right now. Voice vote for the 2023 budget, motion carries.

Council Election Results-Jack Berkseth, Mike Diercks and Jodi Babineau.

Other Business-Deberra Slagstad recognized and thanked the three council members who served on the council and have fulfilled their terms. Andy Dennison, Jennifer Nelson and Pam Crouse. Andy thanked Deb Slagstad and the staff for their help this past year.

Next Annual Meeting-January 28, 2024.

Adjournment-Bun Hanson moved to adjourn. Dave Myre seconded. Voice vote, motion carries.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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