

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION JANUARY 29, 2022

President Justin Arndt called the meeting to order at 11:15 am with 34 members present.

Pastor Morris offered the opening prayer.

Pastor's report was complete as written in the 2021 Annual Report.

Motion by Nalani Bever, 2nd by Leonard Arndt to accept the minutes of the 2021 meeting with the change of Finance Committee Assistant to Dixie Arndt. MC

Larry Ballwahn of the Auditing Committee reported that the books were in order.

Motion by Jerry Von Haden, 2nd by Karen Artz to accept the Financial Reports. MC Nalani noted that we have received the additional funds for the carillon from Lyle and Betsy Schindler. There will be a formal dedication in the Spring when the Schindlers can be present.

The 2022 Budget was presented as approved by the Council. The Secretary received a \$600 raise, water and sewer rates have increased, all else being essentially the same. There was clarification that the ELCA Benevolence is not based on membership, but on 10 percent of general giving. Motion by Larry Ballwahn, 2nd by Bud Osteboe to accept the 2022 Budget. MC

The Nominating Committee of Bud Osteboe and Larry Ballwahn reported that Lori Brueggen as Treasurer and Joel Arndt will accept a 2nd two-year term. They were unable to find an additional member to fill the term of Steve Brandau, who is not eligible for a 3rd term. Motion by Larry Ballwahn, 2nd by Nalani Bever to accept the nominations and leave the term open for possible appointment by the Council. MC

Committee Nominations were made: Cemetery: Greg Bever; SS Superintendent: Greg Bever; Audit Committee: Larry Ballwahn, Pat Von Haden & Barb Bever; Nominating Committee: Steve Brandau, Larry Ballwahn & Bud Osteboe; Assembly Delegates: Barb & John Ornes, Alternates: Arlis & Larry Ballwahn Motion by Arlis Ballwahn, 2nd by Karen Artz to accept the Committee Nominations. MC

Old Business: Nalani Bever gave an overview of the Organ status. Attempts to repair the existing organ have not been successful. The majority of the existing organ has been removed from the balcony. Nalani has purchased an organ from a church in Mineral Point that must be removed in the next month. There would be a significant cost (\$10-15K) to install it. Considerable discussion followed on desire to have an organ and whether the congregation wants to move forward with installing it. A motion was made by Lori Brueggen, 2nd by Bud Osteboe to proceed with installation of the organ at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and provide a letter to the congregation updating them on the situation. MC There was a suggestion that the proceeds from the chicken dinners could be used for this purpose, since they were not previously designated elsewhere.

The Council brought forth a proposal to use the \$21,000 + from the Garey Estate to investigate a proposal for redoing the front of the church (steps, etc.) After discussion, the motion by the Council was 2nd by Larry Ballwahn and the Motion Passed.

New Business: The Council asked for investment direction of part of the Garey Estate. Motion by Jerry Von Haden, 2nd by Leonard Arndt to allow Council to invest up to \$50,000 in moderate risk funds and the remainder to remain as is. MC

Congregation Comments: Bud Osteboe is concerned about the future of the church. He will further explain his concerns directly with the Council. Steve Brandau inquired about the outcome of the survey done 2 years ago. There was a suggestion that as President, Justin should talk with the Synod Bishop with regard to future possibilities.

President's Comments: Thank you to Steve Brandau for serving on the Council for 4 years. Justin also thanked everyone for their patience during this time of caution. He stated that he hoped with covid numbers going down, we would soon be able to return to full singing, etc.

Motion by Greg Bever, 2nd by Arlis Ballwahn to adjourn the meeting. MC

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.