

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
JANUARY 26, 2020  
MINUTES

Approximately 30 in attendance.

President Justin Arndt called the meeting to order at 11:15. Pastor Morris offered the opening prayer. The prayer was followed by the Pastor's report. Pastor Morris highlighted several of St. Paul's activities as stated in her written report. She closed by quoting from the report, "Let us share what God is communicating to us with each other, as we seek to do God's will for St. Paul's Lutheran Church."

The Annual Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2019 minutes were clarified; it was Vere Prell, not Vera. Motion by Larry Ballwahn to approve the amended minutes, second by Nalani Bever. MC

Julie Acker of the auditing committee reported that the books were in order.

Justin Arndt and Nalani Bever explained that accounts were being consolidated to allow the use of fewer checkbooks and to purchase interest bearing CD's with the balances (more efficient money management). Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Lois Reineke to approve the financial reports.

After a brief explanation, a budget of \$84,748 was approved on a motion by Arlis Ballwahn, second by Julie Acker. MC

Nalani Bever explained that Arlis Ballwahn's W-ELCA was the only report submitted and that Nalani had attempted to summarize other committee activities.

Elections were next on the Agenda. The Nominating Committee consisted of Ginger Arndt, Kirsten Arndt and Lois Reineke. They submitted the names of John Ornes for President Elect, Lori Brueggen for Treasurer, Steve Brandau for his second two-year term with a vacancy for the other position. Lois Reineke nominated Joel Arndt; Greg Bever seconded. Nalani Bever listed the proposed candidates and moved that the nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast; second, Tim Deichler. MC

Committee Assignments were approved by unanimous consent as follows:  
Lois O'Rourke, Finance Committee with Barb Ornes as Assistant  
Leonard Arndt, another term on the Cemetery Committee  
Greg Bever, another term as Sunday School Superintendent

Leonard and Dixie Arndt, Synod Delegates with John and Barb Ornes as Alternates  
Julie Acker, Arlis Ballwahn and Barb Ornes; 2020 Auditing Committee  
Dan Buchholz, Marcus Buchholz and Rachel Conner; 2020 Nominating Committee

#### Old Business

The parsonage project has been put on hold until a more opportune time.  
Interior renovation/step project is on hold until Every Member ... Conversation is completed and a more clear picture of the church's future emerges.

#### New Business

Organ repair will cost a minimum of \$8,000 and the organ will be out of service for about 3 months (projected to start sometime after Easter). The Church Council approved going ahead with the project but to discuss the financing with the congregation. There have been some donations and it is a good project for memorial money, but the congregation that actually benefits from the pipe organ might also like to contribute to help make the goal. Barb Ornes stated that such a contribution should be clearly indicated on your envelope. A check put in a regular envelope marked Organ Fund would also work well.

Nalani Bever made a motion that the Council be authorized to spend up to \$10,000 to have the organ repaired. Arlis Ballwahn seconded. MC

The Church Council was authorized to act on the revised constitution on behalf of the Congregation. Motion by Nalani Bever, second, Barb Bever. MC

President Justin Arndt commented on Every Member Conversation taking place, made a pitch for Committee membership and discussed the process for electing a new Bishop. He also thanked those Council members who were going off for their service. Finally, he discussed the idea of moving the last four pews on both sides forward along with reasons and possible uses for the space. Initial feedback was positive. He asked congregation members to think about it and share their feelings.

Possible scenarios for being a more welcoming church were discussed. A request that quarterly financial reports or newsletter financial reports be made to the congregation. Nalani Bever agreed that this would be done.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 with the Lord's Prayer.