

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION May 23, 2021
MINUTES

Delayed Annual Meeting due to Covid Protocol

President Justin Arndt called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

Pastor Morris offered the opening prayer.

The prayer was followed by the Pastor's report which she said was complete as written in the 2020 annual Report.

Arlis Ballwahn of the auditing committee reported that the books were in order.

Nalani Bever offered some clarification of the financial reports and President Justin highlighted expenditures and income for the last year. There was a shortfall of \$1,966.52. The chicken dinner fundraiser of over \$4,080, allowed a year-end balance of \$2,113.90.

The next item of business was passing the 2021 budget. The 2020 numbers above are important since the 2021 budget is essentially the same as the 2020 version because of the variables of the Covid year.

Motion to pass the proposed budget: Joel Arndt; second Arlis Ballwahn. MC

Nalani Bever move approval of the 2020 annual Meeting Minutes as written: second, Barb Ornes. MC

Committees have been inactive during the Covid year; that will change during 2021.

Members leaving the Council are Larry Ballwahn, Tim Deichler and Bud Osteboe. Rachel Conner, of the Nominating Committee, named candidates Arlis Ballwahn for Secretary, April Arndt and Jerry Von Haden to fill the positions. After a request to the floor for additional nominations, Nalani Bever moved a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees. Carolyn Dougherty seconded. MC

Committee assignments were approved by unanimous consent as follows.

Barb Ornes to replace long-serving Lois O' Rourke as Financial Secretary. Arlis Ballwahn agreed to be Assistant with current Finance committee members to be enhanced by several volunteers.

Steve Brandau Sr. agreed to another term on the Cemetery Committee.

Synod delegates are the ones who agreed to serve last year: John and Barb Ornes with Leonard and Dixie Arndt as alternates.

Audit Committee: Barb Ornes, Julie Acker and Larry Ballwahn

Nominating Committee: Larry Ballwahn, Tim Deichler and Bud Osteboe

Organ Repair: Because of the damage found when repairs were being made, new wiring and some pipe replacements are/were required. It is a slow process. Approximately \$19,000 has been donated \$24,000 has been billed and paid. There are still some additional pipes needed, reinstallation and tuning.

New Business:

Nalani Bever reported on the upcoming bequest from Nola Garey (daughter of Leonard and Violet Bernhardt) which will tentatively amount to over \$200,000. The Church Council will determine its fate, but it should guarantee that St. Paul's will serve for many years to come.

Congregation Comments: Barb Ornes explained that Bishop Candidate interviews were available on the Synod website. She asked for feedback in terms of who St. Paul should support. Nalani offered to arrange for viewing in the office if desired.

President's Report:

President Justin thanked the Congregation present for their support and understanding during Covid. He thanked Barb Bever for her custodial work and recognized Thadyn Conner for accepting the role. Further, he explained that the Council had approved the Constitution and completed the Every Member Survey as listed in last year's Annual Meeting Minutes. Also thanked were the outgoing Council Members. Finally, he explained what guidance the Council had used to decide to return to inside worship.

He explained his personal reasoning and asked for feedback. There were varying opinions expressed. President' Justin's closing comment was that he would prefer the continued wearing of masks. Since there is no enforcement, obviously it is personal choice.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am following the Lord's Prayer. John Ornes, made the motion, Arlis Ballwahn seconded, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.