

Minutes From 2019 Annual Meeting

Emanuel Lutheran Church

January 26, 2020

Annual Meeting

Welcome: Pastor Mick Shriver opened with a prayer and welcomed everyone. Sonja Siewert Council President, called the meeting to order.

Call to order: 11:14am

Declaration for Quorum:

A quorum of 38 voting members in attendance was declared by Sonja Siewert and confirmed by Dale Fitch.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion: To accept the agenda without any changes.

Motion by: Megan Maltbie/ Bill Kratz seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Minutes of the 2018 annual congregational meeting held on January 27, 2019.

Motion: To approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.

Motion by: Ryan Glanville/ Bill Kratz seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Council President's Report:

Sonja Siewert spoke about her term as council president ending. She highlighted a few of the many accomplish over the past year including the conversion to LED lighting from florescent and upgrades to Nursery. She also noted some of the future items that will be addresses specifically the boiler/HVAC Controls and the replacement of the stained-glass window exterior covers which is scheduled for spring.

Clergy Report:

Pastor Mick spoke about Lou's retirement as his Administrative Assistant and that she will be missed. She will continue to work remotely on the bulletins and other tasks online. Mary Hoffman said they will be having a brunch and celebration in Lou's honor on May 3rd. He also welcomed Alisha who is taking over for Lou. He stated that he will be taking a 3-month sabbatical in the summer of 2021.

Motion: To approve Clergy Report

Motion by: Ryan Glanville/Gregg Walker seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Parish Statistics:

Pastor Mic Shriver discussed the member statistics. We had a lot of deaths last year. Our parish is aging and some of the reported deaths were people that weren't physically able to attend church anymore and were homebound.

We did have several people come over from Bethany. Some haven't fully made the transition yet and haven't officially become members of Emanuel.

Review of Committee Reports:

Audit—No discussion.

Christian Education—See 2019 report included in meeting handout.

Christian Outreach: See 2019 report included in meeting handout.

Congregational Care: See 2019 report included in meeting handout.

Finance: See 2019 report included in meeting handout.

Property: See 2019 report included in meeting handout.

Scholarship: Sonja Siewert stated that Scholarships applications are available for next year.

Stewardship: Still need a chairperson for this committee

Worship/ Music/ Altar Guild: See 2019 report included in meeting handout.

Motion: To approve all committee reports as submitted.

Motion by: Matt Kolb/Jim Quinn, seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Treasurer's Financial Report:

Dale Fitch reviewed highlights from the report. Overall, the Church held a strong financial position in 2019. Stated that we have fully transitioned over to Quick Books 2018 for our accounting software. He noted that Council agreed to decrease the number of "designated accounts" to ease the distribution of designated funds. There was also some questions and discussion regarding the use of the memorial funds.

Motion: To approve the Treasurer's Financial Report as submitted.

Motion by: Ryan Glandville/Mike Gould seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

2020 Proposed Budget.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2020 Budget.

Motion by: Beth Kirby/Tracy Laaksonen seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Council Nominations & Elections:

Sonja Siewert confirmed status of all current council members and their terms.

Today is the last day on the council for Beth Kirby, Sonja Siewert, Bill Kratz and Shawn Sroka.

Through 2020 will be Cindy Jarvie, Luke Kolb and Linda Ochs. Luke will be going off to school and need to be replaced in the Fall. Linda Ochs will be moving out of the area and Brandy Brand will serve out her remaining term.

Through 2021 will be Mike Gould, Tracey Laaksonen, Buffy Nagle and Hjordis Rivet.

Nominations from the floor for new Council members to fill the four open positions included Heidi Dalm, Larry Rathburn, Vicki Dorrell and Greg Walker

Motion: To approve all nominees.

Motion by: Mary Hoffman/Matt Kolb seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Voting Members for the Synod Assembly: (one male/ one female)

The two people that will be going to the 2020 Synod Assembly will be: Sonja Siewert and Gregg Walker.

Motion: To approve all nominees.

Motion by: Dale Fitch/Mary Hoffman seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

New business: None

Pastor's Address: Nothing further

Final Comments/ Announcements:

Cherie Hockenberger asked about the stain glass window. Pastor Mick said we have a company from Grand Rapids coming in to repair it.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the 2020 Annual Meeting. (12:15)

Motion by: Tim Pomorski / Vicki Dorrell

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Adjournment & Benediction: Lead by Mary Hoffman

Respectfully Submitted, Alisha Sadler & Mike Gould