

Minutes From 2021 Annual Meeting

Emanuel Lutheran Church of Ludington MI

January 27, 2022

Annual Meeting

Opening Prayer: Pastor Mick Shriver opened with a prayer and welcomed everyone.

Call to Order: Sonja Siewert Council President, called the meeting to order.

Call to order: 10:50 am

Declaration for Quorum:

A quorum of thirty-seven voting members in attendance was declared by Sonja Siewert and confirmed by Mike Gould.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: To accept the agenda without any changes.

Motion by: Vicki Dorell; Cathy Iteen seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting held June 27, 2021.

Motion: To approve the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Vicki Dorell; Hjordis Rivet seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Council President's Report:

Sonja Siewert, Council President discussed the following:

- Grace Episcopal will be moving its operations and worship services to Emanuel. They will remain a separate Episcopal congregation. We have a team collaborating with representatives from Grace to manage the merging of activities.
- The Covid pandemic continues to be an issue requiring continuous monitoring and adjustment to our protocols to keep everyone safe and healthy.
- Foster school has been sold and will be developed into townhomes. The Playground will remain and be upgraded. The parking lot directly behind our building and the baseball field will be developed into new townhomes. We are allowed to continue using the back lot until construction begins.
- We have funds designated for the Summer Safe Zone program. It is yet to be confirmed where the Ludington School Systems is at with their Summer Lunch program which was run in concert with our program. We hope the programs can be implemented and staffed with volunteers this summer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Mick Shriver referred to the written report contained in the meeting package. He added:

- The grace move date is dependent on the sale of their building. The Episcopal Diocese has a very specific process for the sale. They are currently waiting on the appraisal. They have a number of parties that have expressed interest in buying the building.
- Pastor is scheduled for knee surgery March 3.

Parish Statistics:

The parish statistics are as presented on page 9 of the meeting package.

Review of Committee Reports:

Audit—Last audit was in June of 2021.

Christian Education—Hjordis Rivet presented an update. She gave a gratitude of thanks to Megan Maltbie for finding and implementing new forms of education. This has allowed our youth programs to continue. Our numbers are low due to our congregation demographics and the challenges of in person meetings due to the pandemic.

Christian Outreach: Reviewed 2021 Report included in the meeting package.

Congregational Care: Reviewed 2021 Report included in the meeting package.

Finance: Dale Fitch referenced 2021 Report included in the meeting package. We are looking at possibly outsourcing the treasurer's position to replacing the retiring Cathy Iteen. Process details for how outsourced might work are in development. For those parishioners attending remotely envelopes will be mailed.

Property: Referenced 2021 Report included in the meeting package.

Scholarship: Sonja Siewert stated that Scholarships applications will be out soon.

Stewardship: Still need a chairperson for this committee.

Worship/ Music/ Altar Guild: Mary Hoffman referenced the 2021 Report included in meeting handout. She thanked all those who helped decorate and take down the decoration for Christmas.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Dee Falk referenced the 2021 Report included in the meeting package.

Motion: To accept all committee reports as submitted or presented.

Motion by: Mike Nagle; Vicki Dorell seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Financial Reports for 2021:

Financial Secretary's Report – No report

Treasurer's Financial Report – Dale Fitch reviewed the 2021 Report included in the meeting package. He confirmed the amount of \$15000 that was moved from contingency to cover expenses.

Proposed Budget for 2022

Sonja Siewert discussed the Council's process for developing the budget by reviewing line by line expenditures for the past year and projecting future costs to develop a total budget for 2022. Dale Fitch reviewed the budget included in the meeting package. It was noted that the amount committed to the synod will remain the same as last year. This item will be revisited later in the year to determine if an increase is financially viable.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2022 Budget.

Motion by: Mike Nagle; Sharon Welton seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye: 3 Nays

Disposition: Carried

Council Nominations & Elections:

Sonja Siewert confirmed the term status of all current council members. There are four members whose terms are complete. Mike Gould and Tracy Laaksonen are eligible and have agreed to accept second terms. Buffy Nagle and Hjordis Rivet have termed out. We thank them for their service. Stephanie Carrie and Jason Burns were nominated from the floor.

Motion: To approve all nominees.

Motion by: Mike Gould; Colin Nash seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

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

The schedule for the Assembly and whether it will be in person or via the internet has not been confirmed at this time. Collin Nash and Sonja Siewert were nominated to represent Emanuel at the 2022 Synod Assembly.

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:

Thanks to everyone for attending. Pray for no more Covid and moving forward.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the 2021 Annual Meeting. (11:42)

Motion by: Vicki Dorrell; Collin Nash seconded

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Adjournment & Benediction: Lead by Collin Nash

Respectfully Submitted, Alisha Sadler & Mike Gould