

(unapproved) Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting

Emanuel Lutheran Church
January 27, 2019
Annual Meeting

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

Call to Order

11:14am

Declaration of Quorum:

A quorum of 49 voting members in attendance was declared by Dale Fitch, and backed up by Shawn Sroka.

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda without any changes.

Motion by: Patti Klevorn/Jody Sroka (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Minutes of the 2017 annual congregational meeting held on January 28, 2018.

Motion: To approve the annual minutes of 2017.

Motion by: Andy Klevorn /Bill Kratz (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Council President's Report--- No report

Clergy Report--

Pastor Mick spoke to the state of Bethany Lutheran. Their final worship, with the Bishop in attendance, will be March 17th. Pastor Bill Huether has been training to be an interim pastor. Victory Trinity may need to look for another pastor. What does this mean for us? Mick does not know what this might mean for Emanuel. As to Emanuel/ Grace relationship, we will continue, however, the "4 Corners" may not. Grace does not want to go through the same process/hardships that they have watched Bethany endure, so they are evaluating their own status. Grace is growing, but there is no way to foresee the future.

Pastor reported on a conversation with the youth of our church. When asked, "Tell me what you don't like about our worship". They shared that the portion "After the sermon and before communion---he could get rid of it." He was surprised that they didn't say anything about the sermon.

Pastor Mick then took some time to explain who takes care of what in our parish? He shared that he has no input, except “pastorally”, to the finance and grounds/building committees. All other areas, such as Christian Ed, Outreach, Worship, Congregational Care, are very much a part of his duties. Sometimes parishioners want a certain direction. Ex: Why we do not have a service to welcome new members. Pastor directed us to look at the Parish statistics and especially the New/associate members on pg. 11. Some of these have requested formal letters of transfer from their previous parishes, and many have not. So there are individuals that might show up on the list that we don’t see regularly, but are still members. We will have a “formal” ceremony of membership in April. Clergy needs to be in full council with the parish and the council.

Motion: To receive the Clergy Report

Motion by: Andy Klevorn/Megan Maltbie (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Parish Statistics-- No additions/corrections

*Hjordis Rivet asked that we receive all of the committee reports at one time.

Review of Committee Reports

- **Audit--** Nothing to report, Dale Fitch told that he would be addressing this internally in 2019.
- **Christian Education--** Nothing to add.
- **Christian Outreach--** 360 meals delivered/eaten in for Thanksgiving Meal: reported by Vicki Dorrell.
- **Congregational Care--** No additional information
- **Finance--** Mike Nagle pointed out that % of the last operational years have been at a deficit. Dale noted that the music fund would run out in about 1 ½ years from today’s date. He also pointed out a change in software usage (Quick Books) for our treasurer and the Microsoft “Office.”
- **4 Corner’s Advisory Team--** Cathy Iteen noted that they are in need of one more member to serve from Emanuel.
- **Property--** Dale thanked Mike Gould and Buffy Nagle for their work on this committee and especially the new roof.
- **Scholarship--** Dick Falk reported that there are 3 Scholarship trust funds, one of which is designed for students that are NOT members of Emanuel. Dick reported that the committee donated \$2000 from that fund to the Mason County Promise in 2018. Dialog was had about whether or not the community was aware of the availability of this scholarship. Tammy Brand noted that there was a \$45,000 loss in the funds. Members replied that the market closed way down from the previous years. Cathy Iteen noted that there was a change in market value of approximately \$36,000

- **Stewardship--** Dale reported that we seem to be in a “rut” as far as our pledges are concerned. It was suggested by Tracey Laaksonen that we create an online version of the form.
- **Worship/Music/Alter Guild:** Tammy asked how the congregation thinks of the change in communion with fewer servers. The majority agreed with the change for the winter months. Mike Nagle thanked the youth that have taken a role in our worship. Bill Anderson requested that the names of those youth be included in our annual report.

Motion: To accept the committee reports as submitted.

Motion by: Tammy Brand/Megan Maltbie (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Treasurer’s Financial Report--

Dale Fitch highlighted Total income, and total expense numbers. He also noted that the deferred envelope giving from the previous year is almost double as we come into 2019. He also noted the idea of consolidating some of the designated funds.

Motion: To accept the treasurer’s report as submitted.

Motion by: Ryan Glanville/Lori Kratz (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

2019 Proposed Budget

Motion: To accept the proposed 2019 budget.

Motion by: Andy Klevorn/Jody Sroka (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Council Nominations & Elections--

Four, 3 year terms to fill. Buffy Nagle, Hjordis Rivet, & Mike Gould (returning....extending their service). Tracey Laaksonen accepted the nomination for the 4th position.

Motion: Move to close nomination.

Motion by: Mike Nagle/Tammy Brand (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Election of Four Corners Advisory Committee Members--(Sharon Welton nominated by Tracey Laaksonen)

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

2019 Synod Assembly, Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18, at the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Motion: To nominate Dale & Carolyn Fitch to represent our congregation.

Motion by: Mike Nagle/Megan Maltbie (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

New Business: Bill Anderson spoke about active members reaching out to him from Florida to address the process we went through 8 years ago on a Strategic Plan. He noted how we had a good plan, but the follow through was inferior. The question was whether or not we would want to go through this process again.

Pastor replied by saying that clergy used to bring this sort of “plan” to the church and then they would implement their own plan. He told that times have changed. Today it is more well received to ask what direction we would like to go and pastor would most definitely be onboard for this type of discernment program.

Motion: That council enter into a visioning process this year.

Motion by: Mike Nagle/Cathy Iteen (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Pastor’s Address-- nothing further

Final Comments/ Announcements: none

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the 2019 Annual Meeting. (12:55pm)

Motion by: Anna Anderson/Andy Klevorn (seconded)

Vote by Acclamation: Aye

Disposition: Carried

Adjournment & Benediction: lead by Eleanor Anderson

Respectfully submitted,

Hjordis Rivet