



2020 Annual Meeting Minutes  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Taylors Falls, MN

- I. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order- Council President, Wendy Szczepanski declared a quorum (greater than 19) and called the 2020 meeting to order.
- II. Appointment of Tellers- Don Hansen volunteered to be a teller.
- III. Acceptance of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes- Don Hansen motioned to accept the meeting minutes. Rose Anderson seconded. Motion carried.
- IV. Elections:
  - a. Council Members- Wendy Szczepanski announced she was willing to serve a second 3 year term. Carol Nelson motioned for a consensus ballot. Verna Grover seconded. Motion passed.
  - b. Nominating committee- There were no nominations from the floor. There are still on the committee until 2022. Jerry Rhodes proposed a consensus ballot. Bruce Carlsted seconded. Motion carried.
  - c. Memorial committee Darlene Mueller and Judy Peterson are still on the committee. Wendy will take Becky's place as the council representative. There were no nominations from the floor. Bruce Carlsted made a motion for a consensus ballot. Seconded by Rose Anderson. Motion carried.
- VI. Reports:
  - a. President- no additional comments were made to the written report.
  - b. Pastor- Pastor Dwight Rudquist thanked the council and Angie Linngren for handling all changes due to Covid19 pandemic. He is also thankful for the congregation's continued financial support and questions about how the future will be handled. In midst of the Covid 19 pandemic the council has decided to postpone our process for searching for a pastor and sharing ministry with another congregation since it is too difficult to have in person meetings at this time. Pastor Rudquist has agreed to continue to shepherd us during the pandemic and guide us through the call process as soon as it is safe to have in person meetings. He will keep us informed of developments. The title of Be Thou My Vision on the annual report sums up our quest. What is our vision for FELC?
  - c. Youth Minister- After careful consideration the council decided to eliminate the Youth ministry position due to financial constraints.
  - d. Treasurer- Written report is at the end of the annual report.
  - e. The Auditing Committee Report was not in the packet. Bruce Carlsted reported that the audit had been completed and the committee is satisfied that the council is satisfactorily handling financial matters.
- VII. Acceptance of Reports- Don Hansen motioned to accept reports as written and stated. Jason Linngren seconded. Motion passed

## VIII. Spending Plan for 2020/2021

Discussion- Pastor Rudquist explained that the budget was difficult to write because of the pandemic. We aren't sure of our income and had to estimate expenses. Angie is now online worship coordinator because she is recording and editing the online service. There was a pay increase for staff. The youth minister position was terminated.

IX. Acceptance of Spending Plan- Jerry Rhodes motioned to accept the spending plan.. Dennis Buchholtz seconded. Motion passed.

## X. Additional business

- a. Steeple Repair- Don Hansen reported that Central Roofing is supposed to repair the steeple in September. He will contact them next week to confirm the plan. They have been hired to replace the shingles on the steeple with copper ones, which will weather over time. The copper shingles interlock. There is an example of the copper shingle in the fellowship hall. Central Roofing checked the underlying sheathing when they did their estimate. There may be some deterioration near the holes, but most of the sheathing is in good shape.
- b. As of the August treasurer's report we raised almost \$44,947. The congregation approved borrowing from ourselves to pay the bill when the repair is completed but we still need to replace the funds we borrowed. We need to continue with the fund raisers.
- c. We are looking into lighting the steeple and have a donor who is willing to pay for the cost of lighting. The property committee will decide what to do once the steeple has been repaired.
- d. Thanks to Wendy and Joe Szczepanski for continuing to take care of the church lawn.

XI. Election Results were already announced since there was no need for a paper ballot.

XII. Adjournment Bruce Carlsted motioned to adjourn. Jerry Rhodes seconded. Motion carried.

XII. The Lord's Prayer

Faithfully submitted

Miriam Flysjo

Council secretary