

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

- I. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order- Council President, Wendy Szczepanski declared a quorum (greater than 16) and called the meeting to order.
- II. Gathering Prayer- Becky Hulden
- III. Appointment of Tellers- Julie Valez, Bruce Carlsted and Mary Ann Mattson
- IV. Acceptance of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes Don Hansen motioned to accept the 2020 minutes. Rose Anderson seconded. Motion passed

V. Elections:

- a. Council Members- Miriam Flysjo has agreed to serve another term. Kathy Carlstad is nominated by the nominating committee. Leo Nelson motioned for a Consensus ballot. Craig Loen seconded. Motion passed
- b. Nominating committee- There are three positions. Don Hansen and Joe Landgreen have another year to serve. No one was nominated for the remaining position.
- c. Auditing committee- Carol Nelson's term has ended; she is willing to serve again. There were no other nominations for other positions
- d. Memorial committee- Darlene Mueller and Wendy Szczepanski are on the committee. There were no nominations for additional members.

Pastor Dwight has agreed to help us move toward shared ministry. We can't afford to have a pastor on our own because of our finances.

VII. Reports:

- a. President- no need to add to written report
- b. Pastor- written report was submitted
- c. Intergenerational Sunday School.-- Julie Magnuson has done a great job despite the restrictions during Covid. There were many amazing events outside.
- d. Treasurer- Becky we've maintained our financial stability through the pastor change and pandemic which were two huge events. \$133,000 total assets.
- e. Auditing Committee- nothing to report because no meetings were held.

VIII. Acceptance of Reports-Bruce Carlsted motioned to accept the reports as printed and presented. Rose Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

IX. Budget Proposal for 2021/2022- Don Hansen made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 proposed budget. Joe Szczepanski seconded.

Discussion-

- a. We need to look at our worship diversity since most of our budget is for worship. How can we make our worship reach out to everyone who enters the door? We have 300 people on our membership list, including 29 young adults. What are we doing to reach out to them?

- b. Parking lot- we need to have a conversation about how to fix the parking lot before all of it needs to be replaced.
- c. Why isn't there any mention of an online worship coordinator in the budget?
We are now recording the service live. During Covid people came into church at different times Angie spent hours editing the pieces of the service together. Currently Angie is paid to record the service and post it online. If the virus gets worse we might have to consider returning to online worship and Angie will be paid to be the online worship coordinator.
- d. Are the PPP loans or grants? PPP start out as loans and can turn into grants if certain conditions are met. After a period of time paperwork was submitted and our first PPP loan was forgiven. The second PPP loan cannot be forgiven yet, but Becky and Janelle will fill out the paperwork to get that loan forgiven too.
- e. When will the choir start again? We hope the choir will resume in September but it depends on the virus. If we can't start choir and need to return to online worship then the money allotted for the choir director could be moved where it is needed for staffing.
- f. Where is the PPP money in the budget? The money is not in the budget. It was deposited in our checking account. It shows up on the balance sheet. The Audit committee will meet in August and look at the accounts.

Proposed budget motion passed

X. Election Results - The tellers reported that the counted votes were unanimous to call Pastor Dwight Rudquist

XI. Adjournment motion- Dennis Buchholtz made a motion to adjourn. Bruce Carlsted seconded. Motion passed

XII. The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted

Miriam Flysjo

Church council secretary

Pending Approval