

CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

MINUTES

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Call to order

President Jay Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Opening Devotion

Pastor Phill provided the opening devotion from Luke.

Attendance

127 members attended this meeting.

Reception of new voting members

Eleven new voting members signed the constitution.

Approval of minutes from April 28, 2019 Voter's Meeting

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the April 28th meeting.
Motion carried.

Election of Officers/Boards for 2020

The candidate nominated for election, as listed in the meeting information packet, were introduced by President Jay Nelson. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers for 2020. Motion carried.

Newly elected officers and board members are as follows:

President: Jay Nelson

Treasurer: Arlin Bates

Assistant Financial Secretary: Sheila Mecham

Recording Secretary: Judy Brodzeller

Board of Elders: Joel Block, Paul Brown, Lowell Janssen, Al Stoudemire

Board of Trustees: Dave Koelsch, Larry Lienemann

The Board for Community Outreach Chair position is vacant

Review of Reports by Officers and Boards

(also see written reports distributed in meeting packet)

Financial Secretary – Duane Neal

Duane reported that a few new people have volunteered to help count the collections.

Treasurer – Arlin Bates

Arlin stated that Greg Harwood is now the Assistant Treasurer. He also stated that a mechanism is now in place for people to donate stock to the church. The donated stock will be sold and the proceeds will be put in the foundation account.

Arlin reviewed the budgeted receipts and expenses to date and said we are even at this time.

2020 Budget

The budget for 2020 was explained by Arlin. It is increasing by approximately \$5000.00, largely due to salary increases.

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2020 budget as proposed. Discussion occurred and the motion carried.

Board for Community Outreach – Karen Block

Karen thanked the board members for their help and support this year. She also reviewed the activities from 2019 and discussed the activities planned for 2020.

Board of Elders – Tom Leshney

Ron Mara reported for Tom Leshney. He introduced the elders and recognized Ernie Schmitt and himself who are term limited. He also recognized the newly elected members, Lowell Jansen and Al Stoudemire. Ron reviewed the written report in the meeting packet

Board for Missions – Gene Kuebler

Gene introduced the board members and thanked the congregation for supporting mission projects through their contributions and for approving the generous mission budget.

He listed the educational institutions we support in this area: North Valley Christian Academy, Valley Christian High School, and Surprise Christian Pre-School. We also provide scholarships to seminary students at Concordia Irving and Concordia Seward.

Board of Trustees – Rollie Mann

Rollie thanked God for the trustees and introduced them. He recognized Reg Trevisan and Wiley McAffe who are leaving the board. They will be replaced by Ray Stewart and Ray Russell. Rollie gave a special thank-you to Larry Hieb who takes care of our air conditioners.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Phill announced the formation of a Strategic Mission Planning Task Force composed of Pastor Ray Mirly, Pastor Phill Robbins, Lola Leshney, Ken Coffman, Ralph Reyinke, Gene Kuebler, Jay Nelson, Diane Douglas, Mike Krischler and Kathy Beilstein. This group has been meeting and has set goals to consider adjusting to our changing environment.

Ralph Reyinke presented a power point delineating our declining membership, significant changes in the past 34 years, and how to proceed in the future. After study and prayer the task force will consider adjusting to our changing environment by: refocusing priorities, refocusing use of human and fiscal resources, and strengthening organization and operations. A preliminary report will be presented at the April Voters Meeting and a final report will be given in November of 2020.

Pastor took questions from the congregation:

The cost of Christian education was discussed. It is very expensive with day schools running about \$6000.00/year. We can receive dollar for dollar Arizona tax credit by donating to Christian schools.

It was stated that a Bible study be offered in the evening for those that work during the day.

Two Sunday services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. will begin in January and run through April.

The difficulty in getting ushers was discussed. Winter residents feel they can't sign up because teams serve for a month at a time. It was suggested that they can be put on a substitution list and serve during the time they are here. Couples can also usher. It was also suggested that we cut down on the number of ushers required on Sunday as they have done on Saturday.

Help is needed to record a service each weekend. We currently only have one couple responsible and, when they are out of town, the service doesn't get recorded.

It was suggested that we have an 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:30

Pastor Phill provided the closing prayer.

Judith Brodzeller

Recording Secretary