

FINAL
Our Savior Lutheran Ministries
Voters' Assembly
Minutes for June 9, 2019

INTRODUCTION:

- The Annual Voters' Assembly Meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Ministries (OSLM) was held on Sunday, June 9, 2019, in the OSLM Sanctuary.
- A quorum was present, as confirmed by attendance sheets that were signed by the members as they entered the meeting. According to the sheets, the total attendance was 92 (see [Attachment #1 to the original minutes](#)).
- The meeting was called to order at 10:55 am. Lay Governing Board (LGB) Chairman Angela Westphal first reviewed the proposed agenda for this meeting and then Pastor Kevin Austin opened the meeting with a prayer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- The minutes of the previous regular Semi-Annual Voters' Assembly meeting on January 27, 2019 were presented by LGB Secretary Diane Schildbach for approval. Joe Ryno **moved** that the minutes, as presented both via email and at this meeting, be accepted. This motion was **approved** by unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF NEW LAY GOVERNING BOARD (LGB) DIRECTORS:

- Chairman Angela Westphal reviewed the election procedure:
 - The Nominating Committee, consisting of Angela Westphal, Kim Brandt, John Street and John Lee, had presented a slate of four qualified candidates to fill those positions: Michael Greenwalt, Mark Klins, Chris Korsak and Katrina Owens.
 - There were two three-year positions on the LGB that would need to be filled; the people vacating those positions were John Phillips and Diane Schildbach.
 - Additionally, the Director seat recently vacated by Don Young's resignation from the LGB will be filled by appointment of the candidate who receives the third highest number of votes. This seat holds the one-year term left by Don Young.
 - Angela Westphal reviewed the qualifications considered by the Nominating Committee in their prayerful search for the candidates on the slate.
 - Angela Westphal introduced the slate of candidates, asking each to stand.
- Paper ballots were passed out, on which members could check up to three different names (boxes). These ballots were collected and counted by Kim Brandt, Amanda Newman and Alex Parks while the business of the meeting continued.
- The results of the voting were that Mark Klins and Katrina Owens received a majority of votes and will fill the two vacancies on the LGB, beginning on July 1, 2019. Gathering the third-highest number of votes, thus filling Don Young's remaining one-year term beginning on July 1, 2019 was Chris Korsak.

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2019-20:

- Executive Director Don Young made some introductory comments regarding the budget, including praise of the nearly 8% increase in giving from the congregation over the past ten months.

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DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2019-20 (cont'd):

- Pastor Kevin Austin stressed the hard work of staff to keep spending under budget. The 2019-20 budget, as shared with the congregation in a handout prior to and at this meeting ([see Attachment #2 to the original minutes](#)), is being presented with three goals in mind – to be fiscally responsible, to be smart, and to continue to push ministry forward.
- **Adoption of Budget** – A motion “to adopt the budget of \$3,821,112 for the fiscal year of 2019-2020” by Randy Brandt **passed** unanimously by voice vote.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

- Executive Director Don Young reviewed the June 2016 changes to OSLM’s Constitution and Bylaws which were approved by the congregation at two consecutive meetings, June 12 and June 19, 2016. Having received no required response of approval from the District Committee on Constitutional Matters (DCCM) since submission of changes in June 2016, the Lay Governing Board presented a **motion** “to continue to pursue approval of the Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the congregation in 2016, with two further changes:
 - In Article IX of our Constitution, instead of making the following change, “The Senior Pastor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the...make every attempt to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Lay Governing Board, amend the line of Article IX to read: *“The Senior Pastor shall be a non-voting member of the Lay Governing Board.”*
 - The name of the Lay Governing Board shall be updated to the *Board of Directors* throughout the Constitution and Bylaws.
- After much discussion, Norm Back proposed a **motion to amend** the original motion by striking the first bullet above regarding Article IX of the Constitution. Norm Back’s motion **passed** unanimously by voice vote.
- The congregation next voted on the **amended, original motion** made by the Lay Governing Board, which reads “to continue to pursue approval of the Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the congregation in 2016, with one further change:
 - The name of the Lay Governing Board shall be updated to the *Board of Directors* through the Constitution and Bylaws.

This amended, original motion **passed** unanimously by voice vote.

MAJOR MOVES UPDATE:

- Pastor Kevin Austin prepared and shared highlights from the June 2019 Update on Major Moves handout ([see Attachment #3 to the original minutes](#)).

RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICE:

- Angela Westphal offered broad thanks to all those who serve the ministry here at OSLM.

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ADJOURNMENT:

- Closing prayer was offered by Principal Julie Knight.
- A **motion** by Laverne Colton to adjourn the meeting was **passed** by unanimous voice vote, ending the meeting at 12:04pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

- #1 - OSLM Attendance Sheets (3 pages)
- #2 – 2019-20 Budget Proposal Handout
- #3 – June 2019 Update on Major Moves Handout

Submitted by: Diane Schildbach, July 27, 2019

Approved by Voters: January 19, 2020