

**FINAL**  
**Our Savior Lutheran Ministries**  
**Special Voter's Meeting**  
Minutes for November 3, 2019

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A Special Voters' Meeting of Our Savior Lutheran Ministries (OSLM) was held on Sunday, November 3, 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 77 (Attachment #1).
- The meeting was called to order at 10:48 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:**

- No general business was discussed.

**AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:**

- The congregation voted at the June 16, 2019 Voter's Meeting to 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, and to include the following change:
  - The name of the Lay Governing Board shall be updated to the *Board of Directors* through the Constitution and Bylaws.
- In a second vote, a **motion** was made by Christa Even to update the amended, original motion to change the name Lay Governing Board to the Board of Directors throughout the Constitution and Bylaws. This **motion** passed unanimously by a show of hands vote.
- Chairperson Angela Westphal summarized the discussion from the June 2019 Voter's Meeting regarding the additional proposed changes to the 2016 congregational-approved OSLM Constitution and Bylaws. (It is noted that the District Committee on Constitutional Matters (DCCM) has not responded to OSLM's request for approval of the changes in June 2016.) The Board of Directors presented a **motion** "to continue to pursue approval of the Constitution and Bylaws as approved by the congregation in 2016, with an additional change:
  - 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."*
- After much discussion, Norm Back proposed a **motion to amend** the original motion to read: "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." Norm Back's motion **passed** unanimously by a show of hands vote.

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- Based on the November 2019 congregational-approved **motion**, the current language for Article IX reads: "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."
- A second vote was taken to approve the November 2019 congregational-approved motion. A **motion** was made by Christa Even to approve the language: "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." Christa Even's **motion** passed unanimously by a show of hands vote.
- Randy Brandt presented his perspective regarding the Senior Pastor being a member of the Board of Directors including information from the Constitution Article IX regarding the roles of the Senior Pastor and the Board of Directors and Board of Elders at OSLM. After much discussion a **motion** was made by Randy Brandt to amend the language in the bullet above to read: "The Senior Pastor shall ~~make every attempt to attend all regularly scheduled meetings~~ be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors." The **amendment to the motion** was discussed. The **motion to amend** the language passed unanimously by a show of hands vote.
- Further discussion was had regarding the Senior Pastor being in member of the Board of Directors. Ted Sanlis called for a **motion** to approve of the language: "The Senior Pastor shall ~~make every attempt to attend all regularly scheduled meetings~~ be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors." The motion was passed by a show of hands vote.

**RATIFY NEW MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS:**

- Elder Jesse Yow summarized the loss of five Elders (Mike Baker, Marcus Contreras, Bill Even, Marcus Schildbach, and Jay Traxler) over the past year and acknowledged their contribution these past years. Jesse Yow requested that the congregation ratify the addition of three new persons, Jeff Greenhagen, Fredrik Johansson, and Ted Sanlis, to the Board of Elders. The congregation ratified the new Elder candidates to the Board of Elders. The ratification was passed unanimously by a show of hands vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Closing prayer was offered by Jesse Yow.
- A **motion** by Laura Gong to adjourn the meeting was **passed** by unanimous voice vote, ending the meeting at 11:35 am.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- #1 - OSLM Attendance Sheets (3 pages)

Submitted by: Kimberly Brandt, Secretary, November 05, 2019

Approved by Voters: January 19, 2020