

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Congregational Assembly Meeting  
November 24, 2019

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This regular meeting was called to order at 9:25 am by President Tom Braun. The attached information packet, including the agenda and minutes from the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meetings were provided. Sixty-two members signed in. Pastor Roberts opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Ben reported on the “4 for 4” initiatives:

- 018 – There has been great senior high youth group and leader involvement. Want to work on middle school next.
- CW – 505 worship service has now settled in on first and third Saturdays of each month. Attendance has been good. Will maybe move to weekly in Lent.
- SG – Small group framework has been established. Will start in January. Similar to past but different also. Push for more congregational involvement in Lent.
- D2MC – This is a way to bring the Kingdom to others. This will roll out “organically”.
- Strategic Task Force – Not focused on budget issues only but where is God leading us. Dr. Galvin will act as an ongoing consultant. Outcomes are expected by our next budget session.
- Pastor Mark added that small groups theme will focus on the “Red Letter Challenge” – the words of Jesus. Mark asked for all to prayerfully consider becoming a group leader.
- Vicki Wykert reported on the National Youth Gathering, the youth leadership team, upcoming youth service events, youth involvement in the 505 service, social events and mission trip.

The minutes of the June 9, 2019 Congregational Assembly were approved. Harlan Hirt commented that the April 2019 meeting minutes were not brought up for approval and will need to be at the next congregational meeting as they were not approved at the June, 2019 meeting.

Harlan also brought up that the motion at the June meeting did not authorize the expenditure of money from the Selle Fund. President Braun stated that this will be reviewed and corrected.

President Braun identified the board appointments made since the beginning of the year (detailed in agenda) and asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. President Braun also mentioned the still open positions. There were no additional nominations so the assembly was asked to fill out their ballots. There were 62 ballots cast and all candidates were elected. Teri Lyn Mannes from the Nominating committee collected and tabulated them.

The disbursement for designated charities as listed in the agenda was discussed by President Braun. A motion from the floor was made and seconded to approve the amounts and the receiving charities and then the motion was approved.

Marty Haugen presented the financial update. Marty first wanted to thank Julie and Katie in our Finance office for the great work they have done in the past year. Also, Marty thanked Bob Roth for his dedicated service as the chair of the Finance committee. Marty noted that the 2018-19 fiscal year ended with about a \$20K net loss, thanks in large part to the GIFT initiative. This

fiscal year's positives include the increased school enrollment. Marty also reviewed the revenue charts in the handout which show that YTD giving is down and our projected year-end deficit is \$100K. Marty discussed other options for giving including the e-Giving option through Vanco and that IRA required minimum distributions. Marty thanked everyone for their gifts of time, talent and treasures. Bill Newren commented on how the Board of Properties has contributed to cost savings this year of about \$8K due to the work of members of his board.

Jenn Behnke provided some Board of Education updates, highlighting the enrollment increase. She also stated that the board will be reviewing next year's tuition. Open houses will start in January. Adding an additional preschool class is being studied. Principal Mannes added recent school accomplishments and activities. Jenn then asked for continued prayers for our school.

President Braun presented the "GIFT\_2" program to close the \$100K budget deficit expected by the end of this fiscal year. He explained that funds can be donated through Vanco or the normal giving methods.

Bill Newren suggested not spending the \$29K of capital project funds. Marty Haugen and Jeff Baker stated that this can be taken into consideration when working up the 2020-21 capital budget.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved.

Pastor Stapleton closed the meeting with prayer.

Attachments (24): Agenda\*, Sign-in sheets, Approved Minutes of June 9, 2019 meeting\*, Ballot, YTD giving chart\*, Operating Income and Expenses chart\*,

\* In information packet.

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