



# Faith Lutheran 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

## Sunday, February 23, 2025 1145AM in Person/Zoom

Attendees: Council: Pastor Eric Olsen, Scott Rice-President, Lauren Wardach-Vice President, Mark Nelson-Secretary, Anita Wooton-Treasurer Jane Sanks-Asst. Treasurer, Joan Searles, Peggy Ragan, Ann Greenwood(zoom), Jerry Cooper, Quyen Dang(zoom).

**Mission – "Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others."**

**Values – Mutual Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Service, Forgiveness, Commitment  
Perseverance, Faithfulness, Compassion, Flexibility**

Scott Rice, Council President, called the meeting to order at 11:58AM.

Pastor Eric opened with prayer.

A Quorum of Congregation Members was established.

Minutes of the Congregation Meeting of February 25, 2024

**Action:** Peggy Ragan motioned, Alk Kirkeeng 2nd Vote taken, approved to accept Minutes

### Scott Rice remarks about 2024:

- Introduction of all Council Members
- Thanks to all the volunteers that help at Faith
- Feeding Ministry continues to grow
- Pastor Discretionary Fund has helped many people
- Worship to Go is flourishing and doing wonderful ministry to those who can't make it to Faith
- Bereavement Group is doing well and helping those in need
- Comedy Ministry did well as an innovated outreach and will continue in the future
- Summer Bible School was well attended and did a great job
- Faith joined with Family Promise as a new way to reach out to those in need
- 2024 saw 3 hurricanes and Faith lost their hurricane insurance. Financial Committee decided to take that money and put it to use by strengthening the church building
- Thanks to Andi and his great music ministry which is doing wonderfully
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Deacon class went well and a new Deacon class started recently with 5 Faith members
- Bible Study is doing great with the help of Pastor Larry
- Confirmations held for 4 of our youth
- A 3<sup>rd</sup> service was added to Sunday's at 5pm which is growing in attendance
- Online service is also well attended, but comes with challenges of how to those online involved more with Faith
- The Memorial Garden remodel went well with new benches and fencing
- Finances are doing great for the church as well as providing new benefits for Faith's employees as a way to hire and retain excellent staff
- A 5 year plan was developed and an Infrastructure Study was completed as well

## **Annual Reports**

- Finance Committee Report – report received and distributed.
- Property Committee Report-report received and distributed
- Evangelism Committee Report-report received and distributed
- Mission Endowment Committee Report-report received and distributed
- Stewardship Committee Report-report received and distributed

## **Mark Nelson**

- Reported on Constitution changes
  - **C11.02 & C11.03**
- **C11.02.** The Congregation Council shall elect its officers and they shall be the officers of this congregation. The officers shall be elected by written ballot and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. If a treasurer is not elected, the Congregation Council may appoint the treasurer from the voting membership of the congregation for a one year term. The officers' terms of office shall begin at the close of the Congregation Council organizational meeting immediately following the annual meeting at which they are elected.
- **C11.03.** No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

**Action:** Joan Searles motioned, Charles Chauncy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted and approved for Constitutional changes

- **C10.4** Ratification of the 2023 amendment regarding the definition of Quorum requiring 2/3 approval of member present and voting.

**Action:** Sandy Brinker motioned, Karen Kolschowky 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted and approved for Amendment

## **Ballot vote on Council Members:**

**Candidates:** Scott Rice, Peggy Ragan, Anita Wooton, Julianne Geyser-No write in candidates noted

**Action:** 57 ballots cast: All 4 candidates voted in to Council for a term of 2025-2028

## **Ballot vote on Endowment Committee Member**

**Candidate:** Michael Leonhardt-No write in candidates noted

**Action:** 54 ballots case: Candidate voted for a term of 2025-2028

## **Ballot vote for Nominating Committee**

Wording: Council Executive Board asks for a vote to allow them to appoint members in 2025/2026 to nominate new or recurring members to serve on Church Council

**Action:** 54 ballots cast: Issue passed

## **Ballot vote on Synod Assembly**

Wording: Council asked for a vote to allow them to appoint members in 2025/2026 to nominate members to attend and vote at the Synod Assembly

**Action:** 54 ballots cast-Issue passed

## **Anita Wooton remarks**

- Financial overview given and thanks given to Financial Committee members: Pastor Eric, Patty McKee, Jane Sanks, Alf Kirkeeng and Scott Rice
- Detailed report distributed

**Action:** John Thompson motioned, Ken Brinker 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voted and approved the Financial report and 2025/2026 budget

## **Scott Rice:**

- Asked if there were any additional questions, none heard
- Gave results of ballot voting and all candidates and issues have passed, almost unanimously

**Pastor Eric Future Report**

- Many vulnerable people are being affected by current climate
  - The Church calls on us to help and there will difficult work to be done
- Many thanks to all who help out at Faith
- Thanks to Andi and the wonderful Music Ministry
- Pastor Discretionary Fund continues to do good work
- Very appreciated of all the help he gets, but asked for continued support from the Congregation
- Many thanks to Lisa for all her love and support

Pastor closed with prayer/song

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51PM by Scott Rice, President.

Official ballot sheet attached to this report

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mark Nelson, Council Secretary