

60th Church Annual Meeting
Transfiguration Lutheran Church

January 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in TLC Sanctuary

Presided by: Council President Jim Stooke
Council Secretary: Jo Benson unable to attend; Kim Smits recording minutes

Attendees: Staff: Pastor Ed Treat and Pastor Arthur Murray
Council: Jim Stooke, Brian Toms, Ann Johnson, Jerry Olson, Carol Hill, Laurel Riippa, Sandy Mullen, Kim Smits

Opening Hymn: Rob Reid #774 What a Fellowship What a Joy Divine

Prayer: Pastor Arthur Murray

Sharing the Peace

Scripture: Matthew 5: 3-10

Homily: Renee Jefferson

Call to Order: President Jim Stooke

Approve Order of Business

No additions made to agenda.

Motion was made (Gary Lewis), seconded (Marilyn Somdahl) and passed to approve the agenda.

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date correction needed on page 12 of 2016 annual report: 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes as agenda item approved, not 2014.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes with above correction.

Recognition of Special Parties: Pastor Ed Treat

Pastor Ed thanked Ann Johnson, Brian Toms and Jo Benson (not in attendance) for service on Church Council. Don and Sharon Jacobson

Nominating Committee Report and Elections: Pastor Ed Treat

- Council Members 2 year term (Select 4)
Nominees are Beth Mercer, Dick Haugen, Gary Lewis, Jerry Olson
- Synod Representatives (Select 6)
Nominees are Marilyn Rundberg, Ben Cherland, Dick Haugen, Bob Riley, Jenn Herron, Jim Sorum
- Synod Alternates (Select 1)
Nominee is Don Kleven
- Nominating Committee (Select 6)
Nominees are Diane Erickson, Beth Rahn, Brian Toms, Ann Johnson, Marilyn Rundberg, Jo Benson
- Financial Review Team (Select 1)
Nominee is Tom Spears

Confirmation of Quorum

Total of 50 needed for quorum; Sandy Mullen confirmed 83 in attendance, exceeding minimum needed for quorum.

Elections

Pastors Report: Pastor Ed Treat

Along with the written report

- Thankful for time spent on sabbatical
- Thank you to numerous volunteers and staff
 - Louise Olson – sorting and organizing 30 years of pictures
 - Thursday Guys
 - Brad – videography, website, virtual memorial garden, live streaming of services
 - Arthur Murray
 - Rob Reid
 - Karen Daniels
 - Renee Jefferson
 - Barb Wigstadt – ELC
 - Ben Cherland – ½ time Youth Minister
 - Michelle Reber
 - Sarah Lanier
 - Retired Staff – Marilyn Erickson, Sue Brickley, Pat McMullen
 - Molly Schuh, Abby Rahn, Brian, Amanda (nursery)
- Church finances continue to be a challenge with costs increasing and giving flat.
- Church council recommendation to employ James D. Clote for capital campaign. Anders (Andy) Bygden currently conducting readiness assessment.
- Capital Campaign strategy to raise \$2.4M over next 5 years
 - Fund our endowment with \$750,000
 - Provide for a \$200,000 maintenance fund
 - \$25,000 to fund and build a columbarium
- TLC Foundation Memorial Garden preview

President's Report: Jim Stooke

We look ahead to a new TLC strategic plan, beginning 1/1/18.

- Worship and Christian education top priorities of last strategic plan survey.
- Full time Youth Minister is a top priority.

Financial Review Team Report

Report received but not presented at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ann Johnson

Thank you to the congregation for a strong finish to 2016 which enabled us to balance the budget. We were able to pay additional principal on the mortgage 11 of 12 months in 2016.

- Don Kleven pointed out in discussion that a report from the Financial Review Team provides additional detail needed to better understand the financial statement.
- Issue was raised regarding spending vs. the approved budget and the council authorization to approve when greater than 10% of total.

A motion was made (Jonel Axtell), seconded and passed to approve the 2016 financials.

2017 Budget

Budget is optimistic, based on capital campaign. Alternative is conservative budget with a cut in staff.

- Bob Riley asked if we needed to have a balanced budget for 2017 based on refinancing the mortgage last year. The answer is no, this was a requirement for 2016.
- Dal Bjerke requested additional information regarding Support vs. Program Staff expenditures; recommends providing details of changes in classification to better understand budget implications.

A motion was made (Jim Sorum), seconded (Laurel Riippa) and passed to approve the 2017 Budget as printed in the Annual Report.

Teller's Report: Sandy Mullen

There were 83 votes cast and the following were elected by simple majority:

Council Members - Four for two year term

Beth Mercer, Dick Haugen, Gary Lewis, Jerry Olson

Synod Representatives - Six for one year term

Marilyn Rundberg, Ben Cherland, Dick Haugen, Bob Riley, Jenn Herron, Jim Sorum

Synod Alternates - One for one year term

Don Kleven

Nominating Committee - Six for one year term

Diane Erickson, Beth Rahn, Brian Toms, Ann Johnson, Marilyn Rundberg, Jo Benson

Financial Review Team - One for two year term

Tom Spears

New Business

- Capital Campaign: Contingent on a positive finding from the “readiness assessment” currently being conducted by Andy Bygden that TLC hire James D. Klote and Associates as their capital campaign consultants to begin immediately following the readiness assessment. Cost for the readiness assessment and the campaign not to exceed \$133,000 to be paid from future capital campaign income as campaign expenses.
 - A motion was made (Bob Riley), seconded (Gary Lewis) and approved to proceed with a capital campaign with James D. Klote and Associates, contingent on a positive finding from the readiness assessment currently underway.
- Louise Olson thanked Pastor Ed and Pastor Arthur
- Don Kleven requested that council nominations should be printed and presented by the first Sunday in January.
 - A motion was made (Don Kleven) and seconded (Marilyn Somdahl).
 - After further discussion from Dave Burton and Laurel Riippa, the motion was amended to have nominating committee recommendations completed and printed two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
 - Amended motion was made, seconded (Bob Riley) and passed.
- Daryl Williamson recommended that we review our benevolence funding going forward to strengthen and support our youth programs.

Conclusion of Business

A motion to adjourn the 2017 Annual Meeting was made (Sandy Mullen), seconded and approved.

Closing Prayer: Ben Cherland

Closing Hymn: #576 We Are One in Mission

Post Annual Meeting Council Meeting: Election

President – Jim Stooke, Treasurer – Jerry Olson, Secretary – Kim Smits

