

59th Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2021

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- I. Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.
- II. Pastor Brett led us in opening prayer.
- III. Welcome and Acknowledgements:
Thanks to everyone for attending. All are welcome to share views.
Thanks to members of church and staff for contributions to Pastor Brett, Guy Kirk, and Laura Glatz gifts.
It has been a remarkable year for all we have accomplished.
Thanks to council, especially those retiring: Liz Dietz, Tyler Hoilien, Bob Price, and Scott Rush.
- IV. Appointment of a Parliamentarian, Timekeeper, & Election Tellers:
Mary Scout, Parliamentarian
Rob Herb and Scott Rush, Tellers
Allison Arber, Timekeeper
- V. Explanation of Parliamentary Procedure:
Mary gave an overview of parliamentary procedures. There are different rules due to our online meeting. We want to be sure that everyone is heard.
Mary read instructions and rules for the meeting.
- VI. Verification of Quorum (10% of voting member or 46 members):
We have 74 voting members, and we may conduct the meeting.
- VII. Review and Approval of Special Rules for Electronic Annual Meeting:
Special rules were posted, and members were given a moment to review the rules. Questions were addressed and the meeting continued.
Special Rules were approved and adopted.
- VIII. Adoption of Agenda:
No questions were asked, or objections raised, and the agenda was adopted and approved.

Old Business

- IX. Approval of Minutes from 58th Annual Congregational Meeting:
Minutes Stand as written.
- X. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Council Members:
Thanks to Bob Price, Liz Dietz, and Jennifer Alkiewicz for serving on the nominating committee.
Nominees are Beth Gebhart, Wayne Grant, Josh Groff, Allison Shingleton, Kim Syvertsen, and Alex Groff (one year youth representative).
The meeting is open for nominations: no additional nominations from the

floor. Nominations are closed new members are approved by unanimous consent. Congratulations to all. Orientation meeting on February 3rd.

XI. Approval of 2020 Annual Reports:

Treasurer and Financial Secretary's Reports:

Treasurer, Pauline Ahern, was available to answer questions, and Financial Secretary, Liz Dietz, was available to answer questions.

Hearing no questions, the Treasurer and Financial Secretary's report stands.

Ministry Report Presentation:

The Book of Reports stands as printed.

Mission Endowment Fund Elections:

A decision was made to split funds - 70% to Family Promise and 30% to Cedar Run Refuge, taking care of all God's creatures.

Nomination for member of the Mission Endowment Fund:

Sharon Elliott nominated Ida Ayala. No objections.

Welcome Ida Ayala.

New Business

XII. Pastor's Report to the Congregation:

Pastor Brett is overwhelmed at how our church has risen to our challenges and how we have become a beacon of help to new people who are joining us. Other community groups have supported the food pantry. Everyone is encouraged to review the Book of Reports to see the ways our church has impacted both our own congregation as well as the community. God is at work in and through us. Continually look at our gifts. Even in the midst of struggle, God's gifts bubble up among us. Pastor Brett shared a graphic calendar of Covid-19 infection intensity. It is still in its most intense position. Until more people are vaccinated, and as we continue the precautions we are using, it is imperative that we stay vigilant and reach out and support each other. We still have a way to go until we reach a safe threshold. Maybe on Palm Sunday we can meet outdoors. Property is looking at a device to clean the air in the building so we can gather inside. Thank you for your continued love.

XIII. Review, Discussion and Approval of 2021 Operating Budget Proposal: Found in the book of financial book of reports.

Pauline Ahern: Pastor Brett, Pauline, and council looked at all of the budget items, and council approved what we see in front of us. Spending plan is lower in income and expenses from 2020 due to pandemic, both in giving and expenses. We are applying for another PPE loan/grant to cover salaries. We had covid related expenses. Personnel committee recommended 2.5% increase for each of our staff member.

Pauline moved that the 2021 spending plan be approved as presented. Motion is carried and budget is approved.

No further business.

Special thanks to Bob Price as he retires from council.

Sharon Elliott expressed thanks to Pastor Brett, Guy, and Laura for carrying us through this challenging time, for loving service, and for all you do and continue to do for our church family.

XIV. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Pastor Brett thanked everyone for being in attendance and extended special thanks to the Planning Team: Rob Herb, Kim Syvertsen, Scott Rush, Allison Shingleton, Bob Price, Sharon Elliott, and special thanks to Laura and Guy!

Moment of silence, close with Lord's Prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 12:21

Respectfully submitted by Kim Syvertsen, Secretary