

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

January 27, 2013

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION MINUTES

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sue Roberts at 12:58 p.m., after she declared a quorum was present to conduct business.

World Hunger Award: Ed Payne from ELCA World Hunger presented an award to the congregation for our contributions to the World Hunger Fund. Holy Trinity contributed the highest amount per congregational member of synod congregations.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- The members of the 2012 Nominating Committee were introduced. They were : Deb Anderson, Katy Benson, Bob Hulteen, Sara Jensen, Gary Johnson, David Krig, Sue Roberts, Deb Sodt.
- Bob Hulteen from the Nominating Committee then introduced the four nominations for Church Council on the slate presented by the Nominating Committee and referenced their biographies on page 9 of the Annual Meeting program. The nominees were: Josh Becker, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, Kari Kleven, and Korla Masters. Sue Roberts called three times for additional nominations from the floor and, receiving none, she moved to approve these four people for the Church Council. The motion was seconded and approved.
- The slate for the 2013 Nominating Committee was presented: Carol Berg, David Broberg, Rod Johnson, and David Moe. There was a motion from the floor to accept this slate for the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Sue Roberts reported that Chris Iverson had resigned from the Church Council leaving an open position on Church Council. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor to replace Chris Iverson. There were no nominations for this position from the floor. The Church Council will find a replacement for this position.

REPORT OF THE CO-SECRETARIES

- Drew Lindorfer, Co-Secretary reported that the Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2012 were approved by the Church Council at the February Church Council meeting. She presented those meetings to the congregation for their approval as well. The minutes were then approved by the congregation.
- Drew then called attention to the parish statistics on page 5 of the Annual Meeting program. It was noted that the numbers of baptized and confirmed membership had increased slightly due to addition of new members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- As Chair of the Financial Stewardship Committee, Gary Johnson reviewed the balance sheet found on page 6 of the Annual Meeting program. A motion to accept the Balance Sheet was seconded and approved.
- Gary also referred to the Accountants Report on page 6. He then went over the statement of receipts and expenditures for 2012, found on page 7 of the Annual Meeting program. Gary also referred to the investments listed for the Endowment Fund on page 8 of the Annual Meeting program.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND TASKS FOR 2011

- Worship and Fine Arts:
- Sarah Wieben presented on behalf of the committee. She highlighted the conduct of exploratory research into the renovation of the sanctuary. She also highlighted the addition of a mosaic in the Rain Garden cascade. Sarah also reported that they would be looking into adding art collections to the church building.
- Christian Education: Shelly Grimes presented on behalf of the committee. She recounted the success of the 3rd Johnson Symposium featuring Bishop Mark Hansen, and announced that Larry Rasmussen will be the featured speaker in 2013. She reported that Adult Forums are planned on a quarterly theme, with an upcoming series on the Bible. The spring theme will be on Abrahamic Faiths and the summer theme will be on discipleship.
- Outreach: Mike Mann presented on behalf of the committee along with Peter Johnson who reported on The Theater Circle which is within the context of the Outreach Committee. Peter reported that the spring production will be "Anne of Green Gables". In the fall, there will be a staged version of "Nickel and Dimed", a book by Barbara Ehrenreich. Mike Mann highlighted committee goals asking for congregational members to assist in carrying out the goals..
- Peace with Justice: Carol Masters presented the goals for 2013 on behalf of the committee. Carol emphasized that addressing Climate Change will be a priority during 2013. She also encouraged participation in JRLC's Day on the Hill on Feb. 21 a day of legislative advocacy.
- Nurturing Fellowship: Jody Liedholm presented the 2013 goals on behalf of the committee. She highlighted facilitating intentional interactions such as the Advent conversations. A spring retreat on use of creativity is being planned for April 26 and 27.
- Youth: Kari Kleven presented on behalf of the committee. She highlighted the development of a "cradle to young adult roadmap". She also reminded people of the annual pancake breakfast and bake sale coming soon. Kari also reported that there is a week camping trip planned for youth this summer. The pancake breakfast and bake sale helps to finance the youth trips.
- Housing and Social Services: Deb Sodt presented on behalf of the committee. She reported on the work being done with Holy Trinity Apartments and Trinity on Lake Apartments. Deb asked for volunteers to help with preparing meals for the residents of the apartment buildings.
- Property: Dennis Nordholm presented on behalf of the committee. He reported that the Rain Garden damage will be repaired. Dennis reported on the proposal for solar electric to be placed on the church building. The church will be applying for financial grants for this proposal.
- Personnel: Phil Jury presented on behalf of the Personnel committee. He reported that they have been reviewing the personnel policies and benefit structure for personnel. He also reported that Meghan Olsen Biebighaus has been hired for a halftime position to replace Nina Hansen who resigned in August as Outreach Director. He also reported that the committee has looked into future staffing needs such as hiring an Assistant

Pastor. The committee will wait until the Vision Task Force Report is completed to recommend any future staffing.

- Approval of Goals for Committees: Sue Roberts asked for a motion to approve the committee goals. A motion was made, seconded and approved.
- Financial Stewardship: Gary Johnson presented on behalf of the committee. He presented the 2013 budget and reported that the budget for 2013 was less than the budget for 2012 since the Outreach Leader position changed from fulltime to parttime. He highlighted some changes in committee budgets and funding for the Parish Organizing Team. A motion to approve the 2013 budget was moved, seconded, and approved.
- Gary also reported that the authorized special funds during 2013 would be World Hunger and the Minnehaha Food Shelf. He also highlighted the Special Appeal for the new heating system. Gary asked for a motion to approve the committee goals. A motion to approve the goals was made, seconded, and passed.
- Parish Organizing Team: Meghan Olsen Biebighauser is our staff Outreach Leader. The focus of the team is the issue of payday lending. One aspect is working to create an alternative lending institution. A second area is legislative coalition advocacy work. We are working with JRLC to encourage attendance at Day on the Hill on Feb. 21. The third focus is organizing within our community including surveys of individuals in the community.
- Special Grants Report: A Special Grants committee evaluated 22 proposals and funded 18 projects with the funds from some undesignated endowments. This was the final report of the Special Grants committee.
- Legacy Giving: Lee Kampinen encouraged congregational members to designate bequests to the congregation.

A motion to accept the Balance Sheet was seconded and approved.

Old Business:

Boiler Fund Update: Gary Johnson reported that about \$160,000 in pledges and payments has been received for the Boiler fund. He stated that the Financial/ Stewardship committee has decided that the a new boiler will be installed in the spring of 2014 with a financing plan if needed. Since a 2:1 matching of donations was pledged by a member of the congregation, Gary reported that about \$53,000 was still needed to fund the boiler.

New Business:

By-Law Change:

Item 11. Committee on Nomination

The responsibilities of this committee shall include the following:

1. Provide a slate of candidates from which four will be elected at the annual meeting of the congregation to three-year terms on the Congregation Council. As much as

possible, this slate shall reflect the profile of the congregation. ~~The goal—but not requirement—is to provide twice the number of candidates as there are positions to be filled.~~

A motion was made to approve the change to the by-law. The motion was seconded and approved.

Vision Task Force: Peter Johnson reported that a task force called The Vision Task Force (Judy Davison, Gretchen Lund, Bill Roberts, Drew Lindorfer, Randy Nelson, Zoe Martinez and Peter Johnson) was authorized by the Church Council to update a mission plan for the congregation. They have conducted surveys and interviews with members of the congregation. Peter encouraged those who have not completed surveys to check with members of the Task Force. The two areas of concern were Children/Youth/Family and Nurturing, Faith/Relationships. The report will be presented at the February Church Council meeting.

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As there was no further business, a motion to adjourn at 2:27 p.m. was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Engen, Co-Secretary

END OF MEETING NOTES