

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
MINUTES
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
January 28, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Gerstenberger. A quorum was in attendance.

Welcome to all!

Opening Prayer - Pastor Aileen Robbins

Annual Reports in Annual Report Booklet

Acceptance of Minutes -The 2016 minutes were accepted, motioned and passed.

Report of the Pastor - Pastor Aileen Robbins - Thanked everyone for what they do! Pastor Aileen explained the Lily Grant, what it means and how she will be using it for her sabbatical. She spends time working with Lori Nikolof who is working with the Congregation at Concord as she works toward becoming a Pastor. We will be partnering with Concord for 2 yrs. as they seek their path forward.

Report of Director of Music - Dr. Willie LaFavor -Everyone is invited to come and join in song, raise hand bells in praise, or play an instrument in joy as we worship God through music!

Report of the President - Julie Gerstenberger - Congregational Goals -Our goals are being met and people are actively engaged at Messiah. This helps to show the health of our congregation. The congregation set a series of goals on what it means to be a congregation. We will continue to promote using appropriate language in trying not to use "them" and "us" in our speech and written word. Sometimes it is difficult.

Ministry Reports - Written in the Annual Report Booklet. Highlights include:

Worship and Music - Shelly Knapp - We will continue to open our hearts to God and the Holy Spirit who inspires us and guides in all things. May we be challenged, changed and uplifted as we continue to worship in Christ's name. Let us be excited by all that lies ahead as He continues to work among us.

Faith Formation - Tarra Hartmann - Fundraising for the Youth Event is well underway. Messiah is blessed with an abundance of strong, active, Faith Formation ministries, thanks to our many dedicated, faithful leaders and the commitment of those people to engage opportunities for us as disciples, to enrich & deepen our Christian faith.

Reach Out - Joanne Ligtenberg - We are looking for ways in 2017 that we "can take our show on the road" while we will continue to search out ways that we can interact and serve the people in our community so that they will feel comfortable coming to Messiah.

Service - John Corman - Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Let's do God's work together!

RAIHN - Tarri Mundt - I look forward to hearing from you and chatting about how you too can become one of our faithful and dedicated volunteers in our shared RAIHN ministry.

Operation Christmas Child - Larry Dennis -Thanks to all who helped and contributed as 41 boxes were shipped out.

Property - Rod Speer - I have a whole new appreciation for what the Property Team and what others do to make the Messiah complex presentable, welcoming and inviting, while trying to hold the budget line. Thank you! Kudo's to Julie as President!

Communications - Lisa Klima -proud and grateful to have led the team, but confident that the new Communications Team Leader will do an excellent job going forward.

Warm Clothing Drive - Judy Merritt Speed -We went over last year's numbers in the coat drive, Thank you!

HUB Elections

** Nominated for two year terms*

Cathy Coe	First Term - Communications
Shelly Knapp	Second Term - Worship
Tarra Hartmann	Second Term- Faith Formation
Tom Johnson	Second Term - Stewardship and Finance

*Distribution of written ballots

* After counting the ballots the candidates were unanimously elected.

*HUB members are eligible to serve three consecutive two-year terms

*Thanks to the Nominating Committee

Endowment Fund - Ladd Dromgold - We are at \$21,150.

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Ladd Dromgold	Third Term
Mary Zonneville	Third Term
Tom Johnson	Second Term

It was moved and seconded that the above people be elected to the Endowment Fund. Approved

2017 Proposed Budget - Tom Johnson

Presentation, discussion of budget - total proposed budget, \$298,000

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the 2017 Proposed budget.

Tom discussed the following.

- Worked on getting realistic budget numbers for major capital needs.
- Received a generous gift of \$100,000 to install air conditioning and heating in the Sanctuary and repair the parking lot if done immediately.
- Overseeing the Operating Budget which included a new storage shed (\$2,724).
- Many "emergency" or one time expenditures; they include: repair after a water main break (\$1,085), replacing all emergency lights in the Cross (\$525.), new office server (\$1,788), Pastor's laptop (\$981), and boiler repair costs (\$1,400) for a total of \$8,254 coming out of the operating budget.
- The last few years extra funds have been transferred to the Greater Messiah Fund at the end of the year.
- Outlook is challenging for 2017 and will be discussed at the Financial Forum.

Capital Planning - Jeff Gerstenberger - The Capital Campaign will be known as The Foundation for The Future.

There will be several steps in planning the Campaign

- Hold a Prayer Vigil on Feb.11.
- There are many projects, some labeled as critical, highly recommended, recommended and possible further enhancements.
- Commitment Sunday will be on February 12th.
- The money pledged will be raised over a 3 yr. period and work will take place as needed

It was motioned, seconded and approved that we adjourn.

Prayer - Pastor Aileen

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary,
Joanne Ligtenberg