

Lutheran Church of the Cross Annual Meeting

01-12-20

11:00 AM

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kylie Blanchard and an opening prayer was given by Pastor Ahlness.

Parliamentarian Roger Kruger declared a quorum.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were unanimously approved on a voice vote by the congregation.

All committee, Pastor and Director of Discipleship reports were accepted and approved as published in the annual report.

The treasurer's report was given (see summary below) by LCC Treasurer Art Wheeler. See his notes and financial report as attached.

Elections were held as follows:

Council members replacing Tom Harris and Ken Will, who's terms were up: Scott Summers and Ron Borth. Both were elected on a unanimous ballot.

Endowment Fund Board: Ken Will, Kerry Carpenter, Jon Spilde, Brian Johnson were elected on a unanimous ballot.

Nominating Committee: Roger Kruger, Tom Harris and Dawn Houlton were elected on a unanimous ballot.

Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center: Stacy Krumwiede and Paul Gurholt were elected to serve as LCC representatives.

Camp of the Cross (2): to be selected by the Council.

Western ND Synod Assembly representatives (2): Brett Gurholt and one more to be selected by the Council.

A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Steve Neu to approve the Council purposed budget for 2020 (see separate "2020 Proposed Budget"). It passed on a unanimous voice vote.

New business: On a motion from Heather Martin and a second from Lavern Hanson, the recommended changes in our constitution, as written by Murry Sagsveen, were approved unanimously.

The LCC annual meeting was closed with a table prayer song by the congregation.

Treasurer's Verbal Report

My annual written report is contained in the LCC Annual Report. The Church is financially sound, and we have no unpaid vendor's claims. The 2019 Giving Statements have been mailed. Please contact me if you have any questions about them.

The LCC annual report on page 11, in the 4th paragraph, indicated that the ending General Fund account balance was \$129,812. We closed contribution records on Thur., Jan. 2 so Connie could reprint them. On Fri., Jan 3, we received a significant contribution property postmarked on Dec. 31. Our Auditor advised us to include that contribution with the 2019 records. With the last contribution, the actual General Fund account balance was \$137,862.25. While this number seems large, it is the depository not only for the General Fund expenditures, but also General Savings, designated projects and designated Savings.

Within the proposed Budget document, on the last page, the annual yearly income is \$441,514.47. With the accepted contribution just mentioned that annual yearly income should be noted as \$449,564.47. Of that total income, we have 29 members who use the Vanco Payment System, our electronic vehicle, for their contributions. Those contributions were in excess of \$90,600, a major increase from 2018. Total Income exceeded operating expenditures by \$29,117.37.

A word about Charitable Gifts. These Gifts have been a tremendous help to sustain the General Fund of LCC. Over \$64,000 in Charitable Gifts were contributed in 2019. Those Gifts are in addition to the contributor's regular contributions. All contributors are confidential. Their Gifts are acknowledged by letter on behalf of the Council and Congregation.

The 2019 Media Replacement of sanctuary projects and other equipment was funded entirely by other Charitable Gifts so designated. Those Gifts ARE NOT a part of the General Operating Fund, although our accounting software, QuickBooks, requires their entry. Those designated Gifts were nearly \$22,000. There remains about \$8,000 so specially designated to continue needed replacements.

And, in conclusion, a word about the Promissory Notes. The \$424,000 loaned to LCC by 22 members saved the church 1.5% of the original commercial bank loan or about \$57,000 over the loan's life. The current unpaid balance is \$294,000. \$65,000 in Promissory Notes were redeemed in 2019. In 2020, only \$40,000 in principle is scheduled for redemption. The reserve must be increased with the monthly \$5,700 transfers from the General Operating Fund so in 2021, \$90,000 can be redeemed. As a part of the LCC General Operating Budget, every contributor's offering is a part of the monthly Promissory Note transfer. The Promissory Note Committee, Ken Will, Roger Pommerer, Jon Hanson, and I, hope to redeem all notes by July or August 2023, nine years earlier than the original commercial loan.

CONCLUSION: LCC is blessed with a giving and generous Congregation. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer. I will be happy to respond to any questions. Pres. Kylie, I also move that the written and verbal Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Art Wheeler, Treasurer