

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
115th Annual Meeting
February 25, 2024

The 115th annual meeting of the Trinity Lutheran Church congregation was called to order by President Danette Welsh at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Mark Narum offered the opening prayer.

Danette noted Bob Wefald was serving as parliamentarian.

Attendance: 88 in the Sanctuary and 4 via Zoom.

Agenda: Mike Horan moved approval of the agenda. Second by Sheila Peterson and carried by a voice vote.

Minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting: Bob Wefald moved approval of the February 26, 2023 annual meeting minutes. Second by Brady Pelton and carried by a voice vote.

Minutes of a Special Congregational Meeting: Bob Wefald moved approval of the minutes of a special congregational meeting held May 21, 2023. This meeting was held to vote on whether or not to proceed with the installation of a fire detection/alarm system. Second by Eric Peterson and carried by a voice vote.

Year in Review: Danette highlighted the ‘Council President’s Report’ (page 9):

- Review and refinement of committees and small groups and thanked those who volunteer their time and talents; and
- Capital Campaign and Property Committee accomplishments: roof repairs, new gutters, foundation work, screens and projectors, carpet replaced, painting, nursery remodel, heating and cooling system repairs, entry area chairs, refinishing the Community Center floor, current work on the fire detection/alarm system, and updating Fellowship Hall lighting.

Board & Committee Reports: Mike Horan moved to accept the Board and Committee Reports (pages 12-21). Second by Kirsten McIntyre and carried by a voice vote.

Trust Fund Update: Dan Welsh reviewed the 2023 work of the Trust Fund Committee (page 16) and the Trust Fund financial report (page 29).

2023 Financial/Audit Reports: Matt McMerty reviewed the 2023 financial report (pages 32-33) and audit report (page 30). Matt noted the 2023 actual revenues of \$834,983 was \$63,806 over the 2023 budget of \$771,177. He thanked the congregation for its generosity in supporting Trinity’s operations.

Matt also noted that the 2023 actual ending balance of \$39,286 allowed us to pay off the city special assessments of \$24,139.50, which saved us having to pay interest. The assessments were the result of street work on Avenue A, as well as alleyway work on the east side of our 4th Street parking lot. Susan Wefald moved to accept the 2023 financial report and audit report as printed. Second by David Hovda and carried by a voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Capital Campaign Update: Troy Zander reviewed the Capital Campaign reports (pages 30-31) and thanked the congregation for its continued support to keep our building updated and safe. He highlighted the status of all projects as well as the fire detection/alarm system. Cash on hand in the Capital Campaign Restricted Fund as of January 1, 2024 is \$282,452.

New Business

2024 Budget: Matt McMerty presented the proposed 2024 budget (pages 32-33). He noted two increases: the salary and benefits for our second full-time pastor, whereas last year that amount was for only ten months; and the Council added a \$5,000 line item for long-term building maintenance.

Matt noted on page 32 that the 2023 Budget amount for Property Expenses should be \$27,895 rather than what is printed as \$20,895. The 2024 budget amount is \$37,470, which includes the new Long-Term Building Maintenance Fund and a \$4,000 increase in property insurance. Matt McMerty moved the adoption of the 2024 budget. Second by Bob Wefald and carried by a voice vote.

Nominating Report and Election: Troy Zander presented the 2024 Nominating Committee report:

President – Kyle Gebhardt

1st Vice President – Matt McMerty

2nd Vice President – Colleen Peterson

Secretary – Julie Leer

Council – Bob Baumann, Mitch Becker, Phil Murdoff, Brady Pelton (1-year unexpired term)

Audit Committee – Keli Berglund

Synod Assembly Voting Members/Missouri Slope Representatives – Cindy Anderson, Wade Anderson, Beth Campbell

Trust Fund Committee – Troy Zander, Dan Welsh

Camp of the Cross (1-year term) – Missy Kopp, Kirsten McIntyre

Nominating Committee – Danette Welsh, Jan Sparrow, Tracie Seibel, Julie Leer, Lucas Teigen

Troy Zander moved to elect the 2024 slate of nominees. Second by Margaret Fiechtner and carried by a voice vote.

Danette presented Certificates of Appreciation to Bev Cross, Sue Kolling and Londa Rodahl for their terms on the Council. She thanked Trinity committee members whose terms ended for their years of service.

Danette turned the meeting over to Kyle Gebhardt and he presented Danette with her Certificate of Appreciation for her term on the Council. Kyle asked for a motion to adjourn. Kirsten McIntyre moved to adjourn, second by David Hovda and carried by a voice vote.

Bob Wefald was recognized and asked that we thank Pastor Mark Narum, Pastor Martha HarriSon and the Council for their work and for the \$161,000 in the contingency fund. He also suggested that in the future when the agenda is completed that it should be asked if anyone has anything further to say.

Steve Helgeson asked that we thank Klarissa Pudwill for her fine work on the annual report.

Mike Horan mentioned that he recently became aware of the fact that the Council secretary has only a 2-year term while all other Council members have 3-year terms. He suggested the Council review this and change the secretary position to a 3-year term.

Pastor Martha HarriSon led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted,

Londa Rodahl, Secretary