

COMMUNITY OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2022

Call to Order

Mark Schuneman, Church Council President, called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m. and declared a quorum was present.

Pastor Darrin Vick opened with prayer.

Tellers were appointed including lead tellers Dave and Arlene Nietz with Curt and Kathy Schneider serving as assistants. Additional appointments included Jodi Bendt as Parliamentarian and Maia Hendrickson as Recording Secretary.

Mark Schuneman introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the last Annual Meeting held April 18, 2021, and this motion received a second.

After the opportunity for discussion, the motion to approve the minutes as written carried unanimously.

Report of Nominating Committee:

Prior to introducing nominations for the 2022 Church Council positions, Mark Schuneman introduced members of the 2021 Council and shared their roles. Sandra Anderson, Maia Hendrickson and Timothy Orf were stepping down after two consecutive terms. Mike Mathisen was nominated for a second term. Mike Duesenberg and Andy Hennig were nominated for a first term. No nominations came from the floor.

Mark Schuneman listed the names of those serving on the Audit Committee. Tom Hagen completed his term, and Rex Kiekhoefer was nominated for a three-year term. No additional nominations came from the floor.

Next, Mark introduced the names of those serving on the Endowment Committee. Andy Hennig and Josh Martell completed their terms. Brian Carnes was nominated to a five-year term, and Joy Erickson was nominated for a one-year term. No additional nominations came from the floor.

Finally, those stepping down from the Nominating Committee included Joy Erickson, Mike Duesenberg and Briana Lagoon. Those nominated to replace them included Kyle Anderson, Joe Ehrman and Irina Orf. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

All nominations were closed. Voting occurred with written ballots and the tellers collected the ballots.

Senior Pastor's Report: Pastor Darrin Vick

Pastor Darrin Vick thanked the congregation, the staff and the Council for another wonderful year. He feels blessed to work alongside so many gifted people. He also expressed thanks to his wife, Angela, for her amazing support.

Over the last year, we invested in interns, engaged in a strategic planning process, and hoped to hire more staff. Because the last years have been unusual, Pastor Darrin said he has learned to stop making predictions. Some things are still unclear, and that is OK. We do not know how many people will participate or exactly what our staff positions should be. He asked everyone to pray as we look toward the future. Our mission, vision and values have not changed. We will continue to be and make disciples, live out our values and keep our vision of seeing grace in every corner of our community. Pastor Darrin shared a quote. In a chapel at Stanton Harold, outside of London, these words are engraved on a plaque:

"In the year 1653, when all things sacred throughout the nation were either demolished or profaned, Sir Robert Shirley Baronet founded this church whose singular praise it is to have done the best things in the worst times and hoped them in the most calamitous."

One day, future generations will say that we did the best things in the worst of times. We will stay on mission for Christ.

President's Report: Mark Schuneman

Mark shared that we all had great hopes that the pandemic would be over. Despite it all, nothing has stopped the Lord! For example, we tried a different format for the Easter egg hunt last spring, and we heard many stories of kids asking, "Where's Jesus?" The true story of Jesus made an impact on many children. We still had Vacation Bible School, baptisms, and funerals. What remains constant are God's love and grace.

Mark asked the church staff members to stand and receive recognition for their leadership. They received a standing ovation.

Treasure's Report: Mike Mathisen

Mike reviewed the 2021 budget highlights. This year, we added \$66,476 to the building/reserve fund making our present balance \$528,025. This balance reflects the first contract payment of \$120,000 to Pinnacle Roofing for the flat roof replacement project. So far, the Canopy of Grace 2.0 Campaign pledges and cash gifts total \$155,000.

Our present Endowment Fund balance is 1,371,513. New gifts in 2021 were \$20,455 and we distributed \$44,080 for facility needs.

Next, Mike introduced the 2022 budget proposal for \$1,500,000. This total is \$115,476 over actual 2021 giving and the same as last year's budget. The anticipated total expenses for 2022 is \$1,499,000 and higher than 2021 actuals by \$80,952.

Mike reviewed details regarding increases and decreases in expenses for line items in the proposed budget.

Following this review, Mike made a motion to approve the Council's recommended 2022 budget as presented. This motion received a second. The floor was opened for discussion, questions, and comments. Following discussion, voting occurred by voice.

The motion to approve the 2022 budget passed.

Next, Mike brought forth the motion to approve the Council's recommendation for funding the approved roofing project using all of the proceeds from the Canopy of Grace 2.0 Campaign and funding the remaining balance from our building reserve fund. This motion received a second.

Discussion followed. Thanks to Facility Manager Paul Wetterling's hard work, the engineering study cost us only \$600. Because we can ballast the entire roof, the estimate is \$550,000 rather than \$650,000. With the current Canopy of Grace 2.0 Campaign funds at \$155,000, we will need an estimated \$395,000 from the reserve funds. This will leave the remaining reserve fund balance, following project completion, at an estimated \$253,025.

At the end of the discussion, the motion to approve the funding plan passed with a voice vote.

To keep everyone informed, the leadership plans to provide monthly updates on our expenses and receipts. The bulletin board in the Commons will provide information on the Canopy of Grace Campaign and include photos of our Council members.

Election results returned with all of the nominations approved.

Pastor Angie Way closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Maia Hendrickson, Church Council Secretary