

Calvary Lutheran Church (CLC)
Congregation Annual Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022

The annual congregational meeting was called to order at 10:49 am by Jeff Schleusener, President of the CLC Church Council (start time was delayed from 10:30 am because of technical issues with the sound system).

Pastor Becky Piper opened with prayer and reviewed the church's guiding statements.

Schleusener thanked Doug Thrash for his time on Council and Cheryl Chapman for serving for 4 years as Council President.

Quorum definition and count. Schleusener reviewed the definition of a voting member as defined by the church constitution. Required quorum was defined as 92 voting members based on 10% of all voting members on the church rolls at the time of the annual meeting (number determined by a review of church rolls by the staff). Voting members were counted at 10:55 am. Attending in-person were 95 voting members and attending electronically using ZOOM © software were 13 voting members. Total voting member attendance at the time of counting was 108. A few people arrived and departed during the meeting after the quorum count.

Annual meeting minutes. Schleusener presented the annual meeting minutes from 2021 for approval. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Financial report. Kathy Miller (CLC Financial Manager) provided the financial report. For 2021, regular offering was \$878,705. Total receipts were \$1,014,697 which was a 4% increase from previous year. Miller explained the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loan taken in 2021 and that it was forgiven in 2021. The PPP loan shows as income (grant) for 2021. Disbursements in 2021 were \$945,226 which was a 17% increase from previous year. Miller provided a review of cash assets which were \$715,673 as of December 31, 2021. Miller reviewed the 2022 budget/spending plan which included \$25,000 distribution to the capital investment fund (MIF). Miller reviewed the 5-year budget/spending plan with 5% increases applied cumulatively each year. The number of giving pledges in 2022 were lower than 2021, but the total value of the pledges increased from 2021.

Miller called for a vote to approve the financial report. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Miller called for a vote to approve the budget/spending plan for 2022. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Constitution revisions. Miller presented changes to the Constitution that included updates to the quorum requirement and updates to other parts including voting member definitions and dispersal of property after church dissolution. Several questions about the Constitution changes were asked by the Congregation: 1) concern about the reduction of quorum from 10% to 50 voting members; 2) concern about lower quorum percentage; 3) question about when church roles are updated (answer from Miller was annually); 4) question about why 50 people were decided on as a quorum; 5) question asked if people attending electronically could be counted because the current Constitution required in-person attendance (answer from Miller was that the church coordinated with the synod and legal advisors and determined that voting members with two-way communication during the meeting could be counted as attending).

Voting for Constitution changes was accomplished by ballot. Ballots were distributed and counted with YES = 76 and NO = 33 for 109 total votes counted. **Approved by ballot.**

Building updates for 2022. Building updates were provided by Martin Kerkenbusch. Total cost for narthex and fellowship hall upgrades is about \$240,000.

Council elections. Elections for three Council positions were held and votes were accomplished by ballot and plurality voting. Schleusener requested a voice vote to allow for a single ballot and plurality voting. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Ballots included 6 names and space for nominations from the floor. Ballot names were Kasey Belzer, Jess Gromer (second term), Martin Kerkenbusch (second term), Dan Kueker, Mark Massa, and Sarah Steiner. No nominations from the floor were made. Each candidate spoke for a few minutes. Total paper ballots counted were 87 and votes from electronic attendance were 11 for a total of 98 voters selecting up to 3 candidates per ballot. Vote tally was: Belzer = 45; Gromer = 58; Kerkenbusch = 48; Kueker = 62; Massa = 46; Steiner = 34. **Kueker, Gromer, and Kerkenbusch received the most votes and were elected to Council.**

Internship possibility. Pastor Becky presented information about a possible pastoral intern at the church. The intern candidate could choose between churches in Rapid City and Sioux Falls and will decide by mid-February.

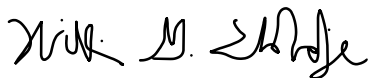
Endowment report. Karen Pearson, Endowment Committee Chair, presented information on the endowment fund on page 10 and 11 of the annual report. Pearson called for a vote to approve the endowment distribution. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Nominating committee. Schleusener presented a slate of nominees to for approval by voice for the nominating committee: 1) Jon Johnson, 2) Tim Becker, and 3) Doug Thrash. No nominations from the floor. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Endowment committee. Schleusener presented a slate of nominees to for approval by voice for the endowment committee: 1) Jennifer Baloun, and 2) Matthew Odden. No nominations from the floor. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Adjournment. Schleusener called for a vote for adjournment at about 12:30 pm. At-large voting members of the Congregation made approval motion and second. **Approved by voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Bill Eldridge, Council Secretary