**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

**Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes**

**February 11, 2018**

**Welcome & Prayer:** President Joe Janicek

**Call to Order:** 10:01 a.m. Quorum was met with 41 members.

**Opening Devotion:**  David Kohls

**Approval of Minutes from January 29, 2017 Annual Meeting:**

Mike Hetzner motioned to approve minutes, Colleen Anderson seconded, motion carried.

**2018 Budget Presentation and Approval-Alan Fett:**

Discussion included:

* Process of formulating budget
* Pastoral expenses: supply pastors, lay people, possible interim
* Mortgage payment and capital campaign
* Mission Investment and possible temporary mortgage relief
* Possibility for sale of Gloria Dei acreage
* Scrip account less than in the past

Jerry Jensen motioned to approve budget as presented, Dianne Fett seconded, motion carried.

**Nominations and Elections of Officers and Chairpersons:**

Mike Hetzner presented the 2018 Council Nomination Ballot, five nominations needed. Joe Janicek, Rachel Barrett, Sue Erickson, and Coleen Allee remain on council with one year remaining in their terms.

Nominations—2018 Council-at-Large Positions (2-Year Terms):

* Craig Heller
* David Hoban
* David Kohls
* Karen Ebert
* Jerry Jensen

Annette Pleshek motioned to close nominations, Jennifer Lecker seconded, motion carried.

Nominations—2018 Council Officers (1-Year Terms) –

* President: Joe Janicek (in second year of 2-year term)
* Treasurer: David Hoban

(Vice President and Secretary will be voted on by the council at the next meeting)

Al Fett motioned to approve all nominations, Gary Meyer seconded, motion carried.

Voted onto 2018 Council: Craig Heller, David Kohls, Karen Ebert, Jerry Jensen, David Hoban

**Nomination for a 3-year term to Audit Committee:**

* Cheryl Heller has 2 years left
* Andrew Deehr nominated for a 3-year term
* Raeline Springstroh nominated for a 1-year term

Anne Sellen will write up the job description for this committee.

Dianne Fett motioned to approve all nominations, Coleen Allee seconded, motion carried.

**Appointments to:**

* Nominating Committee – 2 non-Council members:

 Mike Hetzner and Cheryl Heller

* Synod Assembly – 2 delegates (male & female) – May 18-19, 2018:

 Julie and Darryl Schaefer

* Green Bay Conference (annual meeting) – 2 delegates – February 2018, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.:

 Pat and Jerry Jensen

* Manitowoc Cluster – 2 delegates (1-2 meetings/year):

 Michael Hetzner and Cheryl Heller

* Crossways Lutheran Camping Ministry – 2 delegates – February 24, 2018 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Neenah:

 Becca and Zoe Zimmermann

* Annual Meeting – Fond du Lac Lutheran Home:

 Rachel Barrett

**Dinner Theatre**: Dianne Fett

Error made: money remained in the checking account… currently have $6000, with an additional $1000 in reserve for start-up funds for the next show. This money is available to the congregation as needed. Steffi Sabel will be taking over the meal portion of this year’s show, which will take place at the end of April.

**Calling a Pastor:**

Council has submitted to the synod how much Gloria Dei is able to pay for an interim pastor. We are currently unable to fund a full-time interim pastor, and there are very few part-time interim pastors available. As we are waiting for an interim or settled pastor, we have Gloria Dei lay people and Pastor Jensen as our “on-call” people for counseling, etc. There are also local pastors who are willing to be used on an “on-call” basis.

Pastor Jensen will be with us for 3 out of 4 Sundays a month until the end of May, when she will be relocating out of state. She will be providing first communion and confirmation.

**Constitution**:

Scott Rickert brought up the thought that an electronic notification should count as official communication. However, this would require a change to the constitution; the council will look at this in the upcoming meetings. Constitution changes must be approved by the synod.

**Closing Prayer:** Dave Kohls

Annette Pleshek motioned to adjourn, Coleen Allee seconded, motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Deehr, Council Secretary