

First Lutheran Church
Minutes – Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 10, 2013
10:00 am

Pastor Corey Bjertness led those assembled in reading the First Lutheran Church mission statement, followed by an opening prayer and the hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

President Marie Swanson called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the January 29, 2012 Annual Meeting: Motion to approve by Brad Williams, seconded by David Ferreira. Motion carried.

Minutes of the April 15, 2012 Special Congregational Meeting: Motion to approve by Joanne Herrmann, seconded by Iris Foggerud. Motion carried.

Minutes of the July 1, 2012 Special Congregational Meeting: Motion to approve by Lois Altenburg, seconded by Jan Stoffel. Motion carried.

Elections:

Marie introduced the 2012 Council Members and extended a special thanks to Kristy Albrecht and Byron Trochman, who have completed their terms on the council.

Byron Trochman, chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked his committee members for their service during the process.

Byron Trochman presented the slate of nominees for the three positions open on the Council: Jane Nelson, Dave Rogness, and Jack Rydell. There were no nominations from the floor.

Byron Trochman presented the slate of nominees for four positions open on the Nominating Committee: Kelly Binfet, Gene Okerlund, Troy Mickelson, and Bill Parker. There were no nominations from the floor.

Byron Trochman presented the slate of nominees for three positions on the Foundation Board: Larry Audette, Jane Olson, and Loren Stahl. There were no nominations from the floor.

Byron presented the slate of nominees for twelve delegates to the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly: JoAnn Abrahamson, Ron Abrahamson, Vern Almlie, Bev Bjertness, John Dunncliff, Ruth Dunncliff, Betty Holmen, John Holmen, Evelyn Quigley, Jeny Runsvold, Jordan Runsvold, and Glenda Sanford. In addition, the Nominating Committee has secured twelve alternates in the event any of those elected become unable to attend. There were no nominations from the floor.

A written ballot was conducted and collected.

Reports:

Committee reports: Members were directed to the written reports in the Annual Report provided to those in attendance.

First Lutheran Foundation: President Dave Rogness presented the highlights of 2012 for the Foundation. The Foundation awarded \$47,000 to church and community related activities and projects in 2012 and has budgeted benevolences of \$82,500 for 2013.

FLC Staff report: Pastor Corey expressed thanks from the staff for the constructive feedback they receive from the congregation. He shared how they have seen Jesus working in our midst for the past year. Pastor Corey presented FLC's impact on other ministries and mission through our benevolence. He also outlined some possible changes, resulting from membership and staff input, for us to prayerfully consider. Lastly, Pastor Corey presented the *Above and Beyond* process, possible projects in this area, and the criteria and guidelines for their implementation.

2012 Financial Report: Terry Yoney presented the financial report for 2012. Motion to receive and file the report by Dave Rogness, seconded by Jack Rydell. Motion carried.

Presentation of the 2013 Budget: Terry Yoney presented the 2013 Budget. The budget presented today has been revised since the congregational Forums on January 27 and February 3 where members expressed concern over the removal of certain benevolences. Benevolences for Oak Grove School, Concordia College and Park Christian School have been reinstated in the 2013 budget. Motion to accept the 2013 budget by Jack Rydell, seconded by Mark Hanson. Motion carried.

President's report – Marie Swanson: Marie shared Ephesians 2:10, "*He (God) creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.*" Marie outlined the numerous areas she has seen this at work over the past year in the work by many at First Lutheran.

Incoming President Brad Williams presented Marie with a gift thanking her for sharing her leadership and gifts over the past year.

New Business:

Call of Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt: Motion by Jan Stoffel, seconded by Marianna Malm, to call Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt as a full time Congregational Care and Counseling Pastor. Motion carried. Written ballot conducted.

Fiscal Year end date change: Tom Espel, member of the task force established to explore the possibility of amending the fiscal year end, presented the results of their research. The task force proposes a change in the fiscal year end for FLC from December 31 to June 30. A motion was made by Lois Altenburg, seconded by David Ferreira, to change the fiscal year end as proposed. Motion carried.

Election results:

For the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee:
157 ballots received – 145 approved the full slate, 12 approved a partial slate

For the call of Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt: 169 yes, 5 no, and 1 undecided.

Close:

Motion to adjourn by Lois Altenburg, seconded by Byron Trochman. Motion carried.

Sending Prayer – Pastor Corey

Closing Hymn – On Our Way Rejoicing

Respectively submitted,

Janet Rostad

