

First Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting –Minutes  
Sunday, July 29, 2018  
12:30 p.m.

President Gary Inman called the annual meeting to order and asked those in attendance to join him in reciting the FLC Mission Statement: “Our mission at First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.”

Rollie Johnson opened the meeting with a devotional prayer and those in attendance sang, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Kent Wild motioned for acceptance of the 2017 FLC Annual Meeting minutes, with a second by James Garvey. Motion carried.

### **Elections:**

President Inman introduced the current Council Members. He noted that Marianna Malm completed her second term on the Council and extended appreciation for her time and commitment these past 6 years. President Inman read the 2018 candidates for FLC Council. He called for nominations from the floor. No additional names were presented. Ballots were cast. Karl Altenburg motioned for unanimous acceptance of the ballot as presented. Jan Stoffel seconded. Motion carried. There were 108 registered to vote.

New Council Members for terms beginning July 2017: Tracy Farmer, first term, Gary Inman and Chris Kraemer to serve second terms.

New Foundation Board Members: Chris Kennelly, first term, Mark Hanson and John Vastag to serve second terms.

### **Reports:**

President Inman directed the meeting attendees to the Annual Meeting booklet for written reports from the Committees.

Jon Aarsvold, outgoing Foundation President, reviewed the Foundation Report. He recognized the efforts of the Foundation Board members and the congregational support for continued financial giving to support the many outreach and service projects. Mr. Aarsvold introduced Larry Audette the new Foundation President. A financial recap for 2017/2018 highlighted a record year for gifts. The 2019 budget was increased to support more service projects.

### **FLC Staff Report**

Pastor Corey expressed sincere gratitude to the staff and congregation for the commitment, service and energy necessary to support the many activities over the church year. Attendees were directed to page 23 - 31 within the Annual Report for more details.

#### *Highlights:*

- 55 fifth graders received first communion
- Pastor Dave was recognized for successfully organizing a joint ecumenical worship with our Catholic neighbors, St. Mary’s, to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation.
- The Cathedral Choir performed under the direction of David Ferreira in New York City at Carnegie Hall in April.
- Sermon notes through the eyes of 11-year-old Ellie, Pastor Bill’s granddaughter, become a poster for her room that reads, “*What you have in Christ is bigger than anything you’ll ever have in Life.*”
- Over 470 kids learned of God’s love through FLC Christian education ministry activities.
- 72 volunteer teachers
- Rollie Johnson, through Faith and Footholds rock climbing adventure, emphasizes working together and working with God.
- FLC Quilters distributed 335 quilts

- 300 Volunteers during First in Mission week; 56 people served on various mission teams.
- 68,888 meals were packed as part of the Feed My Starving Children event. This year that event will expand to 2 million meals with participation beyond First Lutheran and Atonement.
- Completed a \$13.25 million capital campaign
- Paid off the church's mortgage, \$966,000! First time in over 10 years First Lutheran is debt free.
- Exceeded \$37,000 in donations to local organizations as part of Giving Hearts Day.

Pastor Corey shared that Pastor Jim Hulberg will be retiring, effective August 31, 2018. This marks 54 years of ministry by Pastor Jim. Coffee and fellowship to honor Jim's service and retirement will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> between services. The attendees recognized Pastor Jim with their applause.

### **Financial Report:**

Daniel Damico, Administrator, expressed his gratitude to the staff, pastors, committees and congregation for the accomplishments of the year. Daniel reviewed the 2017/2018 financial report. The revenue shortfall, due in part to the Capital Campaign, was offset by unrestricted funds which had been set aside for this purpose.

Pastor Corey recapped that staff hired prior to the 2017 Annual meeting were necessary to advance the work with the building efforts and expanding church needs. During this fiscal year, the general fund contributions were below budget which was anticipated given the capital campaign activity. To offset the difference, a mailing campaign was sent out and unrestricted funds set aside for this purpose were transferred and used.

The 2017/2018 summary of the proposed budget was reviewed. (The detailed budget was available in the back of the Annual Report booklet.)

- Snow removal services have been donated by a member, which removes a \$20,000 expense from the budget.
- Technology budget was increased to address necessary upgrades.
- A separate budget line item was created for Security as this continues to be a necessary expense and should be tracked.
- Giving to Local Partners was increased by 8%.

Dave Rogness motioned for acceptance of the 2018/2019 budget as proposed. Becky Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

### **FLC Council President's Report:**

President Inman extended his gratitude and that of the FLC Council for the pastoral and lay staff that manage the daily work and needs of the church. The congregational support has been so important. It's a treat to be part of this exciting time, learning and expanding the mission and vision of FLC. The staff received applause from the attendees in appreciation for their efforts.

### **Building Project Update:** Terry Yoney, Building Project Congregational Liaison

Terry stated that it is a privilege and honor to be asked to be part of this project. Photographs of the stages of construction were shared and discussed. Terry felt confident that the nursery and Chapel will be completed by 9/15/18 as projected. A few other highlights noted included:

- The capstone cross on the front of the building was salvaged and will be replaced on the west exterior wall.
- Extra care has been taken to protect the Sanctuary during the construction.
- Demolition into the education building was completed.
- The rubble is being recycled.
- The FLC brick sign on the west side was successfully moved.
- The new chapel is progressing well. The pews have been refurbished and are in storage.
- The Columbarium is in the manufacturing stage.

**New Business**

President Inman presented advance notice to attendees of a proposed change to the constitution for the Nominating Committee structure. The proposal is to be organized similar to term lengths and member term offsets currently present in the Council and Foundation structures. This proposal will be voted on at the next annual meeting in July/August 2019.

Pastor Laurie Neill led the sending prayer. "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" was the closing hymn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Helming  
FLC Council Secretary