

St. John's Lutheran Church – Kasson

2020 Annual Congregational Meeting/Election

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020 7:30pm – Fellowship Hall

1. *Call to Order* – Jennifer Smith, Congregational President, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
2. *Agenda Corrections* – There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.
3. *Motion to Approve the Agenda* – Ann Trihey made a motion to approve the agenda. Dallas Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. *Confirmation of Quorum* – There were 83 voting members in attendance, reaching the quorum of 50 to hold an election. Many non-voting confirmation students were also in attendance to learn about how the meeting is conducted.
5. *Devotions* – Pastor David Efflandt, Lead Pastor, led devotions.
6. *Pastor Dave's Year in Review* – Pastor Dave provided a summary of the 2019. He recognized the worship and music staff and volunteers, highlighting the scope to increase music and worship opportunities on Wednesday evenings. During the Summer, Wednesday worship included topics from the "Can I Ask That" sermon series. The past fall included a sermon series combined with a book study on Stewardship and Discipleship. Pastor Dave reported on ongoing conversations regarding personnel and aligning their gifts with their calls. There was a major expansion with CKP that included collaborative efforts among personnel, properties, council, and many areas within the church. As he looks forward to 2020, he would like to make an intentional effort on the continued growth by implementing a Visioning group who will help to develop how we position ourselves, and how we continue to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.
7. *Motion to Approve Secretary's Minutes* – Al Flickinger made a motion to approve the 2019 Secretary's minutes. Kyle Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. *Motion to Approve Financial Reports* – Barb Pike made a motion to approve the 2019 financial report. Ann Trihey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
9. *Motion to Approve Written Reports* – Kyle Howell made a motion to approve the 2019 written reports (including staff reports, congregational leadership council reports, commission reports, WELCA reports, Bequest, CKP, Food for Friends, and Foundation reports). Matt Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. *Old Business* – There was no old business to discuss.
11. *New Business*
 - a. *Nominating Committee Ballot and Elections* – Jodie Tvedt reviewed the ballot, and nominees stood as their names were read. Jodie updated the Synod Assembly date to May 15-16, 2020 on the ballot. She also noted that youth will be appointed to the Synod Assembly by the Youth & Family Commission once they are aware of their spring schedules. Daryl Melquist made a motion to accept the ballots as unanimous. Ron Albright seconded the motion. Motion carried. The approved ballot includes the following:
 - i. *Council Officers (1-year terms)*: Sam Marsland, President; Rayelle Haase, Vice President; Kelly Utesch, Secretary; David Bornfleth, Treasurer
 - ii. *Council Members (3-year terms)*: Darcie Moehnke and Dave Ziegler. (Marlo Bungum moves from Executive Council to complete Rayelle Haase's two years, so Rayelle can move into Executive Officer role; Ann Trihey remains in her

existing term with two years remaining; Jon Klein and Dan Paulsen have one year remaining.)

- iii. *Foundation (5-year term)*: Ron Albright. Dave Bornfleth has three years remaining. Renee Solberg has two years remaining. Jim Sands has one year remaining.
- iv. *Nominating Committee (1-year term)*: Kimberly Johnson and Heidi Durland. The rest of the committee will comprise of all outgoing council members of 2020-2021 council year.
- v. *Audit Committee (1-year term)*: Jason Schahl, Christy Schubert, Gloria Gilbertson

- b. *Southeaster Minnesota Synod Assembly May 15-16, 2020 in Rochester* – See ballot comments for details.
- c. *2020 Budget* – Kim Allen briefly highlighted that 2019 ended very well. She acknowledged that many staff and commissions came together to work as a Congregation to help pay down the due-to-dedicated accounts to \$0. There appears to be a better management of the budget. Council implemented several policies to better manage cash flow. The ground work has now been set to now plan for and to build reserves for 2020. Sam Marsland made a motion to accept the budget as approved by Council. Lori Evans seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. *Recognition of Outgoing Council Members* – Renee Solberg asked about Marlo Bungum’s role about remaining on Council, and not as an officer. Jennifer Smith clarified that Marlo will continue to represent CKP on council, and will fill in Rayelle’s open position. Al Flickinger, Kyle Howell, Kim Allen, and Jennifer Smith (present) were recognized and thanked for their service on leadership council.

13. *Motion to Adjourn* – Al Flickinger made a motion to adjourn. Carol Cady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

14. *Closing Devotions* – Pastor Dave led closing devotions.

15. *Lord’s Prayer* – The Congregation recited the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Utesch

St John’s Congregation Council Secretary