

St. John's Lutheran Church – Kasson
2021 Annual Congregational Meeting/Election
Sunday, January 24th, 2021 11:00am – Online

1. *Call to Order* – Sam Marsland, Congregational President, called the meeting to order at 11:17am.
2. *Agenda Corrections* – There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.
3. *Motion to Approve the Agenda* – Sharon Melquist made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave Aakre seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. *Devotions* – Deacon Amanda Sabelko led devotions.
5. *Pastor Dave's Year in Review* – Pastor Dave shared slides with worship and activities that took place in 2020. He reviewed worship numbers prior to COVID as well as worship numbers while worshipping outside on the lawn, and analytics for online worship. He also thanked volunteers, staff, and leadership to keep online worship going as the weather grew cold, and for keeping the building ready for staff, CKP, worship and other activities.
6. *Confirmation of Quorum* – There were 75 voting members in attendance, reaching the quorum of 50 to hold an election.
7. *Motion to Approve Secretary's Minutes* – Tim Tjosaas made a motion to approve the 2020 Secretary's minutes. Marlene Aakre seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. *Motion to Approve Financial Reports* – Two previous meetings were held for members to review the year's income and expenses, and to ask questions. Dallas Martin made a motion to approve the 2020 financial report. Don Hower seconded the motion. Dennis Edgar ask about a line item related to the Payroll Protection Plan, and another question under the Mission and Outreach expenses. Sam clarified that due to the general financial support of St. John's members, Council was able to evaluate how to steward \$100,000 in gives which included 68.5% toward Mission and Ministry, 16.5% to Property Needs and Reserves, and 15% toward Debt Reduction. Motion carried.
9. *Motion to Approve Written Reports* – Sam recognized the newly formed COVID task force for their efforts and dedication to keeping the congregation and ministry staff safe, and for making recommendations to conduct worship and meetings. Patty Foster made a motion to approve the 2020 written reports (including staff reports, congregational leadership council reports, commission reports, WELCA reports, Bequest, CKP, Food for Friends, and Foundation reports). Jan Hower seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. *Old Business* – There was no old business to discuss.
11. *New Business*
 - a. *Nominating Committee Ballot and Elections* – Kelly Utesch reviewed the ballot verbally, and Marlo Bungum shared the ballot link online. Synod Assembly date is only one day, May 8, 2021 and will be held in an online format. The youth will be appointed to the Synod Assembly by the Youth & Family Commission once they are aware of their spring schedules. Dave Aakre made a motion to accept the ballots as unanimous. Don Hower seconded the motion. Motion carried. The approved ballot includes the following individuals:
 - i. *Council Officers (1-year terms)*: Sam Marsland, President; Rayelle Haase, Vice President; Heather Hilgart, Secretary; David Bornfleth, Treasurer

- ii. *Council Members (3-year terms)*: Jim Evenson and Grace Marsland. (1-year term): Emily Carling (This was Rayelle's original at-large term prior to moving to an officer position – Marlo filled the term for one year when she completed her officer position); Darcie Moehnke and Dave Ziegler remain in their existing terms with two years remaining; Ann Trihey has one year remaining.)
 - iii. *Foundation (5-year term)*: Tim Tjosaas. Ron Albright has four years remaining. Clark Johnson has three years remaining. David Bornfleth has two years remaining. Renee Solberg has one year remaining.
 - iv. *Nominating Committee (1-year term)*: Michelle Coy, Becky Knoepke, and Wendy Moritz. The rest of the committee will comprise of all outgoing council members of 2021-2022 council year.
 - v. *Audit Committee (2-year term)*: Sharon Melquist. There is an open position for a 3-year term. Council will work to fill the position. Gloria Gilbertson has one year remaining.
- b. *Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly May 8, 2021 via online format* – Lindsay Cowell would like to attend. A few other individuals indicated interest and wanted to check their schedules. They will follow up with Lindsay to fill the seats.
 - c. *2021 Budget* – Sam highlighted the 2021 budget. Two budget review sessions were previously held so that members could examine the line items and ask questions. Sam noted that Leadership Council made motion to accept the proposed 2021 budget. Gene Luchinsky seconded the motion. Motion carried.
12. *Recognition of Outgoing Council Members* – Michelle Coy and Grace Marsland were thanked for filling in open Council seats this year. Grace moved into a new Council term, Michelle, Marlo Bungum, and Kelly Utesch were recognized and thanked for their service on leadership council.
13. *Motion to Adjourn* – Shelley Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. Jim Trihey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
14. *Closing Devotions* – Pastor Dave led closing devotions.
15. *Lord's Prayer* – The Congregation recited the Lord's Prayer. As the meeting concluded, Pastor Dave shared a video compilation of photos and video clips from the previous year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Utesch

St John's Congregational Council Secretary (2018-2020)