

2016 Annual Meeting  
Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino  
Sunday, January 17, 2016

The Meeting was called to Order by President Darrel Klemp at 10:51 AM, with 39 voting members present.

Pastor Sabin led the group in devotions.

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were published as part of this Meeting packet. Motion by Arnie Kloes, second by Kay Fuerst, was approved by a voice vote.

Committee Reports – Each Committee report was presented to the Congregation in writing as part of the packet.

Treasurer's /Finance Report – Dennis Fuerst walked the Congregation through the financial reports for the past year. Having no questions, and a upon a Motion by Dave Klemp, second by Arnie Kloes, and by a voice vote the report was accepted.

Call Committee Report – Darrel explained that the Congregational Profile has been submitted to the Synod, and the Synod had responded that the Church should increase its budget by \$16,000 - \$20,000 to cover a future Pastors insurance needs. We responded that it was not possible for our Church to do that. Our profile will now be sent to those Pastors that are seeking a call, and then to all NALC Pastors to see who might entertain a call from us.

Old Business – None pending

New Business –

Nomination of 3 Council members for 2 year terms – Dennis Fuerst & John Wudtke (having served 3 consecutive 2 year terms) have decided not to seek re-election. Nominees for this year are Lisa Wollenberg (inc.), Glen Peebles, and George Peters.

Election of Council members – President Darrel asked for additional nominees from the floor 3 times , without response. Upon a Motion by Arnie Kloes, second by Rita Olson, the nominees were elected for 2 year terms.

Selection of Nominating Committee for next year – No volunteers came forth. Rita Olson will continue as Chairperson.

Presentation of the 2016 Budget – Dennis Fuerst presented the budget with a line-by-line review. Also, was a request of the Congregation for the various groups to receive our monthly benevolence funds. The Congregation wishes to fund the following: Martin Luther Congregation, Ascension Agape Fund, NALC Synod support (1/2 to the District, and ½ to the National), Haiti's Children (Gladys Mango), LBT Bible Translators, and International House of Prayer, Safe Haven of Shawano, Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry of Navarino, Don Shires Ministries, Next Step Ministries, Shawano Warming Shelter (

SAM 25), ½ to Institute- Lutheran Theology and ½ to “Chaps”, and lastly to Habitat for Humanity – Wolf River Chapter. It was also agreed that the Council will decide on a method to fund “scholarships” for the purpose of mission trips and should not affect our benevolence giving. Motion by Glen Peebles, second by Bonnie Weyers, Motion approved.

Approval of 2016 Budget – Motion by Al Meiers, second by Jim Mueller, motion passed.

Property Projects – Narthex & gather room flooring – A rather lengthy discussion ensued on the various product proposed for both area. It was generally agreed that the narthex would be a commercial grade of carpet squares, while the Gathering area would either be LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tile) or an epoxy service. After a chance to look over the products the epoxy surface was chosen. Total cost is estimated by the bids at approximately \$17,500 to complete all the work. A Motion was made for the total cost of the project not to exceed \$20,000 by Glen Peebles, second by Jean Conradt, a voice vote approved the motion.

Appointment of the Good Shepard Home Delegates – appointed were Arnie & Carol Kloes,, and Jim & Alice Mueller for 2016.

Other Business – drawings were circulated showing proposal for a new Church sign. This is not a proposed project at this time, and currently anticipated costs are about \$8,000.

Next ANNUAL Meeting will be scheduled by the Council.

The Meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Upon a Motion by Arnie Kloes, second by Dennis Fuerst, the Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rohrer, Secretary